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RIOTOUS SCENES IN NEW YORK.

WILD DEPOSITORS ROUND BANK.

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MAJOR SENSATION CAUSED BY NEW FAILURE.

MIAMI BEACH RUN.

Frantic depositors created a dangerous situation in New York yesterday, following the closing of the Chelsea Bank and Trust Company. Armed police kept the crowd at bay, though the position for some time appears to have been critical.

New York, Dec. 23. Amidst the continuing crop of bank failures throughout the United States, a major sensation has been caused by the closing to-day of the Chelsea Bank and Trust Company, of New York City.

The bank was a small institution by comparison with most of the New York banking concerns, and it was mainly patronised by theatrical folk.

It is estimated that the total amount of the deposits in the Bank is \$18,000,000.

Scenes in Bronx.

A crowd of three hundred wild-eyed depositors tried to storm the Bank's branch in the Bronx District when the closing notice was exhibited at the main entrance. They were only repelled by a dozen armed policemen, who flourished their revolvers when the situation became pressing. The police remain guarding the bank premises as a precaution.

Alarmlists Arrested.

Disturbing rumours are spreading regarding the Chelsea Bank are alleged to have been spread anonymously by telephone. Two men have been arrested and are held in custody on a charge of circulating false information.

Meanwhile the stream of reports of bank closings in other parts of the country continues.

The City Bank at Miami Beach did not open to-day following yesterday's run on the City National Bank of Miami, whose failure was reported yesterday.

Two small banks at Hartford, Connecticut, have also closed.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Principal Closures.

Among previous closings reported in the past month are:

Bankers Trust Company, Philadelphia, deposits \$46,000,000. City National Bank of Miami, resources \$37,000,000. National Bank of Kentucky, with resources of \$64,000,000.

American Exchange Trust Company, Little Rock.

General Bank and Trust Company of Asheville; deposits totalling \$18,000,000. First National Bank of North Carolina, founded 1869, deposits, \$31,887,000.

Bank of the United States, deposits \$225,684,700. West Springfield Trust Company (cashier committed suicide).

Bank of Hollywood (alleged defalcation).

State Bank of Elroy, Wis., deposits, \$34,600,000.

Union City Trust Company, Indiana, deposits, \$350,000. Michigan Bank, deposits \$350,000.

State Bank of Binghampton (shortage of \$3700,000).

Brashear State Bank (cashier attempted suicide).

Bank of Alabama, Emaley (President committed suicide).

Farmers' and Traders' Bank, Weaverville.

Remarkable Crop.

This is by no means a complete list. It contains the majority of the banks that have been specifically mentioned by name. The total number of failures is now known to have run into three figures, while scores of other banks have closed down temporarily under State laws. The failure of the Bank of the United States, the most serious,

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TREACHERY OF STUDENTS.

POISON GAS FOG REAPPEARS.

SEVERAL SERIOUS CASES NOW REPORTED.

MYSTERY CONTINUES.

Brussels, Dec. 23. "Poison fog" is reported to have reappeared in the stricken districts.

One fatality has occurred at Tihlir, whilst several serious cases are reported from Flemalle and Herstal le Souday.

The fog first made its appearance on December 6th, when hundreds of people were seriously affected, besides over sixty losing their lives. The victims were seized with sudden pains in the throat and chest.

Many theories were advanced to account for the phenomenon, one being that a certain chemical dust in the air united with moisture and formed a toxic gas. One doctor categorically stated that the thick fog was alone responsible, maintaining that gas from factories could not be the cause.

In response to the desire of the Queen, on her return from the stricken area, it was announced that an exhaustive inquiry would be opened to ascertain the elements of which the death-dealing fog was composed.

A special commission of six professors being established to investigate the matter. The result of this inquiry has not yet been announced.—*Reuter.*

Later.

It now appears that the death at Tihlir was due to an escape of gas from a cracked pipe. Nevertheless, the authorities are carrying out investigations in the localities affected, and are taking samples of the atmosphere in sealed tubes.—*Reuter.*

NEW THEATRE FOR KOWLOON.

SUCCESSFUL TESTS MADE ON GALLERY.

A highly successful test of the gallery was carried out at Sir Robert Ho Tung's new theatre in Nathan Road on the 23rd and 24th inst. The gallery of this theatre has a span of 90 feet and seats over one thousand people.

The test load applied under supervision of the Public Works Department amounted to 240,000 lbs (107 ton). The maximum deflection under the total was almost imperceptible, being only one 32nd part of an inch.

The architects responsible for the design of the theatre are Messrs. Denison Ram & Gibbs. The contractors are the Tung Nam Construction Co.

The troophip Nevesia, which is bringing details of Army ranks to Hongkong, left Singapore at noon yesterday. She is due to arrive here at 9 a.m. on Sunday.

followed the breakdown of negotiations for a merger of four banks with total resources exceeding \$1,000,000,000.

Local Statement.

Mr. F. McD. Courtney, Manager of the National City Bank of New York in Hongkong, said yesterday that the City National Bank of Miami mentioned in the cable, had absolutely no connexion with his bank. In the United States, he said, his bank had no branches outside of New York State.

Mr. Courtney pointed out yesterday that the closing of a bank did not necessarily mean that it was bankrupt, but was generally a measure adopted by the authorities to safeguard depositors' interests. A close watch was kept on the position of all banks, and if they showed signs of becoming insolvent, either owing to assets being locked up or depositors withdrawing, the authorities would step in, as was the case with the Philadelphia Bank.

According to cables he had had from New York, Mr. Courtney said that financial leaders there considered the general banking situation perfectly sound and unaffected by the small closings. He pointed out that the banks that had closed their doors were in the agricultural districts.

LAHORE OUTRAGE DETAILS.

FIRE FROM SEATS.

London, Dec. 23. Sir Geoffrey De Montmorency, the Governor of the Punjab, was slightly wounded by two revolver shots when leaving the University Convocation this morning, had his wounds dressed at the hospital and returned to Government House where he went straight to bed without taking lunch.

It is learned, however, that His Excellency is progressing satisfactorily. Two arrests have been made in connexion with the outrage. Both these assailants are students but their names are not known, though it is stated that one of them is a Hindu who received a degree to-day.

Donkey Procession.

A donkey procession which had been arranged in order to ridicule the users of foreign cloth has now been abandoned.

The Governor was fired at from extremely close quarters. One bullet struck his left arm and another grazed his back.

A third struck Sub-Inspector Chanan Singh, whose condition is serious. Two constables and a woman doctor were also wounded.—*British Wireless and Reuter.*

Tremulous Students.

Lahore, later. The attempt on the life of Sir Geoffrey de Montmorency occurred despite precautions taken to prevent it. Admission to the University Hall was regulated by permits, and special police arrangements were made.

The shots came from a block of seats occupied by students. The police arrested one student while he was actually firing, and they seized a revolver, a knife and some cartridges which he had in his possession.—*Reuter.*

NEW ORDINANCES IN INDIA.

VICEROY TACKLING THE CONGRESS REVIVAL.

New Delhi, Dec. 23. Following the Viceroy's statement regarding the deterioration of the native press, the Government to-day issued an Ordinance renewing, subject to certain changes, the Press Ordinance, and also the Unauthorised Newsheets and Newspapers Ordinance, both of which recently expired.

The Viceroy has also promulgated an Ordinance concerning the non-payment of liabilities, including taxes.

It is reported from Allahabad that the Government of India has ordered the unconditional release of Pandit Mohan Malaviya, who some time ago was removed to hospital from Naini Gaol owing to illness.

Both Pandit Mohan Malaviya and his father were sentenced to twelve months' rigorous imprisonment at Cawnpore on October 8 inst., on a charge of sedition.—*Reuter.*

MERAPI ERUPTION EFFECTS.

WHOLESALE DESTRUCTION CAUSED.

The Hague, Dec. 23. The latest report from the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies states that forty villages have been totally or partially destroyed by lava from the Merapi eruption, whilst a number of other villages have been evacuated.

Hundreds of head of cattle have been killed, whilst crops have been extensively destroyed.—*Reuter.*

PRINCE RECOVERS.

London, Dec. 23. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has now recovered from his chill-

COAL SPREADOVER ACCEPTED.

LITTLE DANGER OF A BIG STRIKE.

SOUTH WALES ISSUE.

London, Dec. 23. The Miners' Federation announced to-night that the coal districts, to which the issues were referred, have accepted, by a small majority, the principal of the spreadover of hours without a reduction of wages.

The acceptance is only temporary in character, but apparently puts off the possibility of a strike for some months at least and further, it enabled the Miners' Federation to give sanction required by the Coal Mines Act to validate the many district settlements already negotiated.

Mr. A. J. Cook, the General Secretary of the Miners' Federation, who has thrown himself on the side of peace on this occasion, said to-day that the Federation was not entirely satisfied with the form of spreadover now operating in Scotland and South Wales and that there was still a danger of a stoppage in South Wales unless the miners and the owners were able to agree before December.

Mr. E. Shinwell, the Minister for Mines, is going to Scotland to talk with both owners and miners.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

WANT GOVERNOR PUNISHED.

HUMANES MERCHANTS TO MAKE PETITION.

Hankow, Dec. 23. The Hunanese Merchants' Club entertained the newspaper correspondents and public body representatives at a reception to-day at which the Hunanese traders expressed their intention to present a petition to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek demanding the punishment of General Ho Chien, the Military Governor of Hunan, for his inability to defend Changsha and Yochow from Communists.

KUOMINTANG IN MANCHURIA.

MURKIN RULER GIVES HIS CONSENT.

Peking, Dec. 23. An official intimation by the Manchurian Government, signifying its intention of permitting the dissemination of Kuomintang propaganda in Manchuria, is conveyed in a statement issued by General Chang Haueh-liang.

The Murkin ruler says he will establish a Provincial Kuomintang in Fengtien Province not later than the end of January, as soon as he returns to Manchuria.

LONDON NOW FREE OF FOG.

THREE DAYS' VISITATION COMES TO END.

London, Dec. 23. To-day the fog which has enveloped London and its suburbs for three days, cleared after causing trouble, and delay to incoming workers in the morning.

By late afternoon, traffic conditions were normal, but a local mist at Croydon prevented the arrival or departure of air liners.—*British Wireless.*

REDISCOUNT RATE NOW LOWERED.

NEW YORK SETS NEW LOW RECORD.

New York, Dec. 23. The New York Federal Reserve Bank has reduced its rediscount rate to two per cent., which is the lowest on record and which compares with three per cent. in Boston and three and a half per cent. for all other Federal Reserve Banks.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

GAOL STRIKE SHOWS IMPROVEMENT.

SHORT TERM MEN RESUME WORK.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OPENS INVESTIGATION

SITS TWO HOURS.

A slight improvement in the situation at Victoria Gaol became evident last night when, for the first time since the strike of convicts began, the night-lament chorus was not taken up.

Enquiries of Mr. J. W. Franks, the Superintendent, revealed that the strike has lessened in extent, though the bulk of the long-term prisoners are still defiant.

Disciplinary action will be taken shortly. It is expected, on the advice of a special committee appointed by the Governor, which met at the Gaol yesterday for the first time, and adjourned at seven o'clock in the evening after a close investigation.

Official Statement.

Mr. Franks said this morning: "The majority of the 260 long-term prisoners are still on strike. A certain number have returned to work. The prison was quiet last night and there was no disturbance whatever."

In pointing out a technical distinction between "convicts" and "prisoners," the Superintendent further clarified the position as follows:—"The bulk of the convicts have not returned to work. A large number of the short-term prisoners have returned to work."

Government Acts.

The Government has acted quickly upon its announcement of a proposal, in accordance with the regulations, to put some of the ring-leaders before the Military and Chinese Justices of the Peace, who are to advise the Superintendent of Prisons on the disciplinary action to be taken.

It has been ascertained that upon their appointment by His Excellency the Governor, a number of the non-official Justices of the Peace visited the Gaol yesterday and conferred on the situation.

Strong Appeals.

To-day, for the first time, the vexed question of the differences of opinion between the Hindu and Moslem delegates came within the official cognisance of the Indian Round Table Conference.

It is well known and understood that the failure of the Conference to progress with the rapidity foreseen by the auspicious opening, has been due to the failure of the two communities in private meetings to settle their dispute.

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WITH PLANS.TWO INSTEAD OF FOUR
WATER CLOSETS INSTALLED.

The non-compliance with an approved plan to install four water closets at 2 and 4, Sing Wo Road, on Inland Lot No. 2165, came up for discussion before the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon, when Mr. J. S. Gibson, was permitted to address the members in the interests of the owners.

The matter was mentioned at the last meeting of the Board but was deferred until yesterday for the architect personally to put forward his objections to carrying out the original plan, the position being that after having obtained permission to install four water closets, only two had been installed on the premises.

Mr. Gibson pointed out that he was merely making his objections for future guidance. If the Board required that he should install four his clients would do so. He remarked that his client desired that the Board reconsider the matter.

Continuing Mr. Gibson said that his client had two houses and on coming into some money he decided to have them demolished for reconstruction. Plans were submitted for the installation of four water closets but later the owner decided he only wanted two which were accordingly installed. He made the alterations of his own volition.

Mr. Gibson continued that he had not been informed of the change until afterwards but when told he agreed, and submitted an amended plan to the Building Authority showing two closets. Mr. Gibson maintained without fear of contradiction that the sanitation of the site had been improved 100 per cent. He did not think he had violated any of the principles of sanitation.

Mr. Lo pointed out that the application had not been adhered to and on that he disagreed with Mr. Gibson. If an application be made for ten water closets the applicant could not be permitted to install any number up to ten but not exceeding ten.

Mr. Gibson replied that the owner himself was occupying the house which was actually two being made into one.

After the withdrawal of Mr. Gibson it was decided that no hardship, except the owner would be suffered by the owner the Board should direct that the four water closets be installed.

On the question of the application for an Eating House license at 32, Sai Street, deferred from the last meeting, it was decided on the motion being put to the vote to refuse the application, the members having had an opportunity to see the premises.

On the motion of Mr. M. K. Lo an application, which had been refused by the select committee, for an Eating House license at 95, Winglok Street, was referred back to the committee. Mr. Lo pointed out that since the select committee's decision certain alterations had been made.

The Medical Officer of Health (Dr. C. W. Pope) was against the motion on the ground that the premises could not be made fit for an eating-house.

An application for the registration of 36, Hollywood Road, ground floor, as a dairy was granted.

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HOSPITAL TRAGEDY.

TEN DIE FROM GAS USED
FOR DISINFECTING.

Prague, Dec. 23.—Ten inmates of a hospital here have died and 13 are seriously ill as the result of the disinfection of the building with cyanide of potassium gas.

Apparently the wards were insufficiently ventilated after the process.—*Reuter*.

OBITUARY.

FAMOUS RUMANIAN
STATESMAN.

London, Dec. 23.—The death is reported of M. Vintila Bratianu, the leader of the Romanian Liberal Party.—*Reuter*.

Vintila Bratianu, the Romanian statesman, was born in 1867 at Bucharest. His father was Ion Bratianu to whom his country owes its independence, its monarchy and its great economic development. Vintila Bratianu studied at the Ecole Polytechnique in Paris where he secured his diploma in engineering. Returning home, he was employed as a constructional engineer in the great Sighisoara works. He had much to do with the building of the various Danube bridges in Romania.

When his brother Ion had taken his father's place in political life, Vintila entered the Liberal party and assisted in its reorganization. He also devoted himself to the study of financial and economic questions. His wide knowledge of these led to his appointment to various official bodies. Before the war he was Mayor of Bucharest. In 1916 he became Minister for War and later Minister of Munitions. Afterwards he served in all the Liberal Cabinets as Finance Minister so that he was able to carry out a number of important reforms. Having succeeded in getting rid of the inflation of the currency, he stabilized it and was able to balance the Budget. He reorganized the financial and fiscal system of the state, concluded an agreement with the National Bank and consolidated the state and private loans abroad.

After the sudden death of his brother in Nov. 1927, Vintila succeeded him as leader of the Liberal party and as Premier, while retaining his portfolio of Finance. He announced that he would pursue the same policy.

His efforts to induce the Opposition leaders to collaborate with him in a "Cabinet of National Union" failed. Indeed Maniu, the leader of the National Peasants' party, began a vigorous campaign against the Government, which he denounced as corrupt. In Jan. 1928, Bratianu surrendered the Ministry of Finance to Antonescu, as he found the dual role too much for him.

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The annual New Territories Agricultural Show, which is being held at Shek Wu Hui, near the Shing Shui Railway Station, on Saturday and Sunday, is to be opened at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday by Lady Peel, wife of His Excellency the Governor.

Special arrangements for seating accommodation on the trains has been made by the committee with the management of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, and visitors will also find that their comfort has been catered for in other directions. Meals and refreshments will be provided by the Queen's Cafeteria while Chinese food will also be available.

By kind permission of Lieut. Col. Lecky and officers the pipes of the Jnt Regiment will play selections on Saturday. There is to be a large number of exhibits on view, the committee anticipating some 4,000 to 5,000 altogether. Handsome prizes have been presented, including a silver trophy by His Excellency the Governor. This prize has been presented for competition among the various districts, and is to be won two years in succession before becoming the property of any competitor.

In addition to the Police, the Chinese section of the Police Reserve will be in attendance while the St. John's Ambulance Brigade will also send parties of men to the Show.

There will be Chinese sword dances, boxing displays, music and colloquial drama on each day.

The committee are indebted to Mr. R. Baker manager of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, for arranging the special accommodation on the trains, and to Messrs. Wong Kam-fuk and Wallace Harper for the loan of two motor trucks for the transport of the exhibits.

RETURNED STUDENTS.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS
FOR NEW SESSION.

The Euro-American Returned Students' Union held a general meeting yesterday, at which the following new officers were elected:

President, Mr. M. K. Lo; Hon. Secretary, Mr. K. L. Chau; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. S. Mok; and Committee, Messrs. Chung Li, Kwan Iu-kwong, Harry Hong Sling and W. K. Chau.

The retiring President, Mr. Y. H. Teao, in referring to the death of Professor C. Y. Wang, paid a tribute to his knowledge and character. All members present stood in silence for two minutes as a token of their respect.

A vote of thanks to the retiring President and Committee was carried unanimously.

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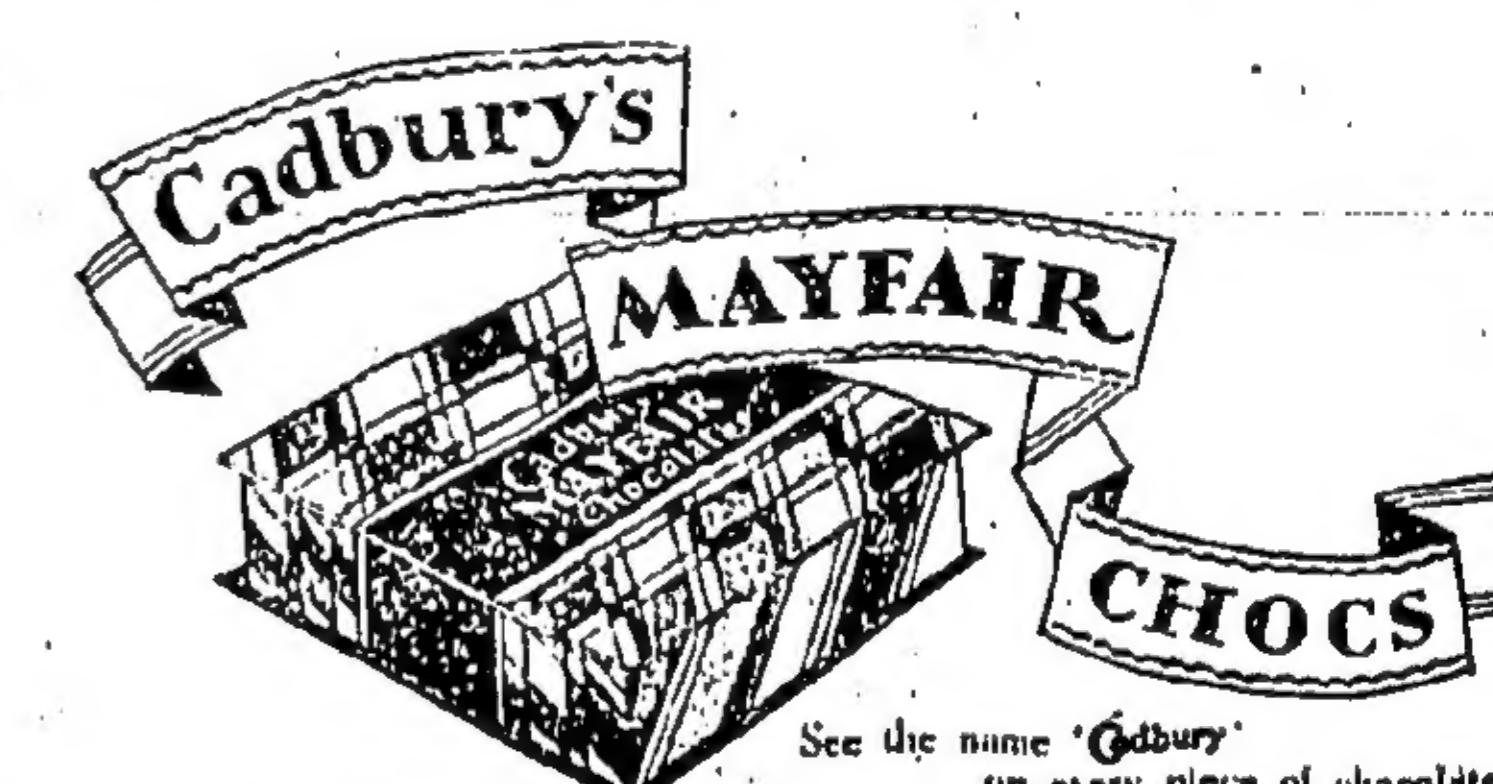
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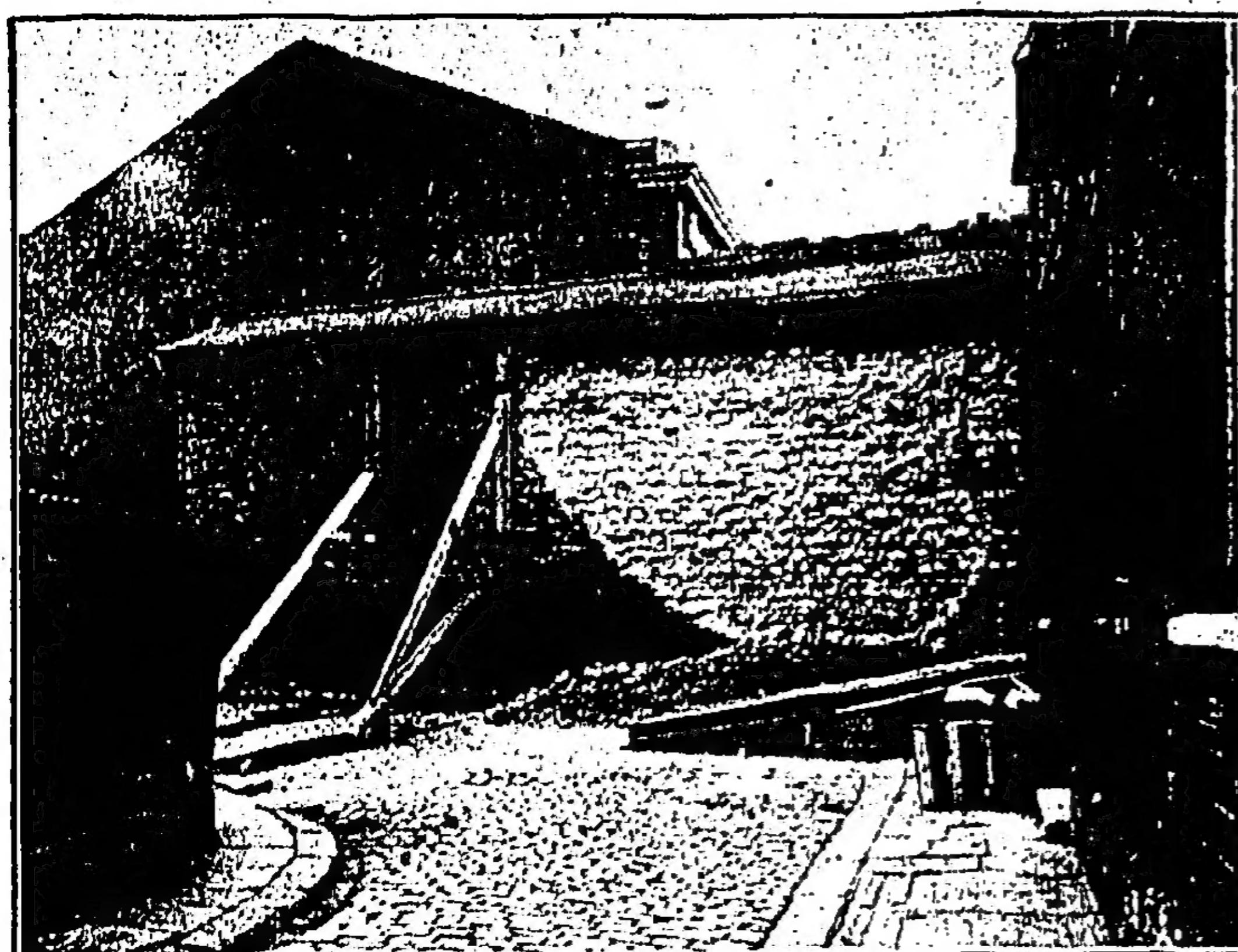
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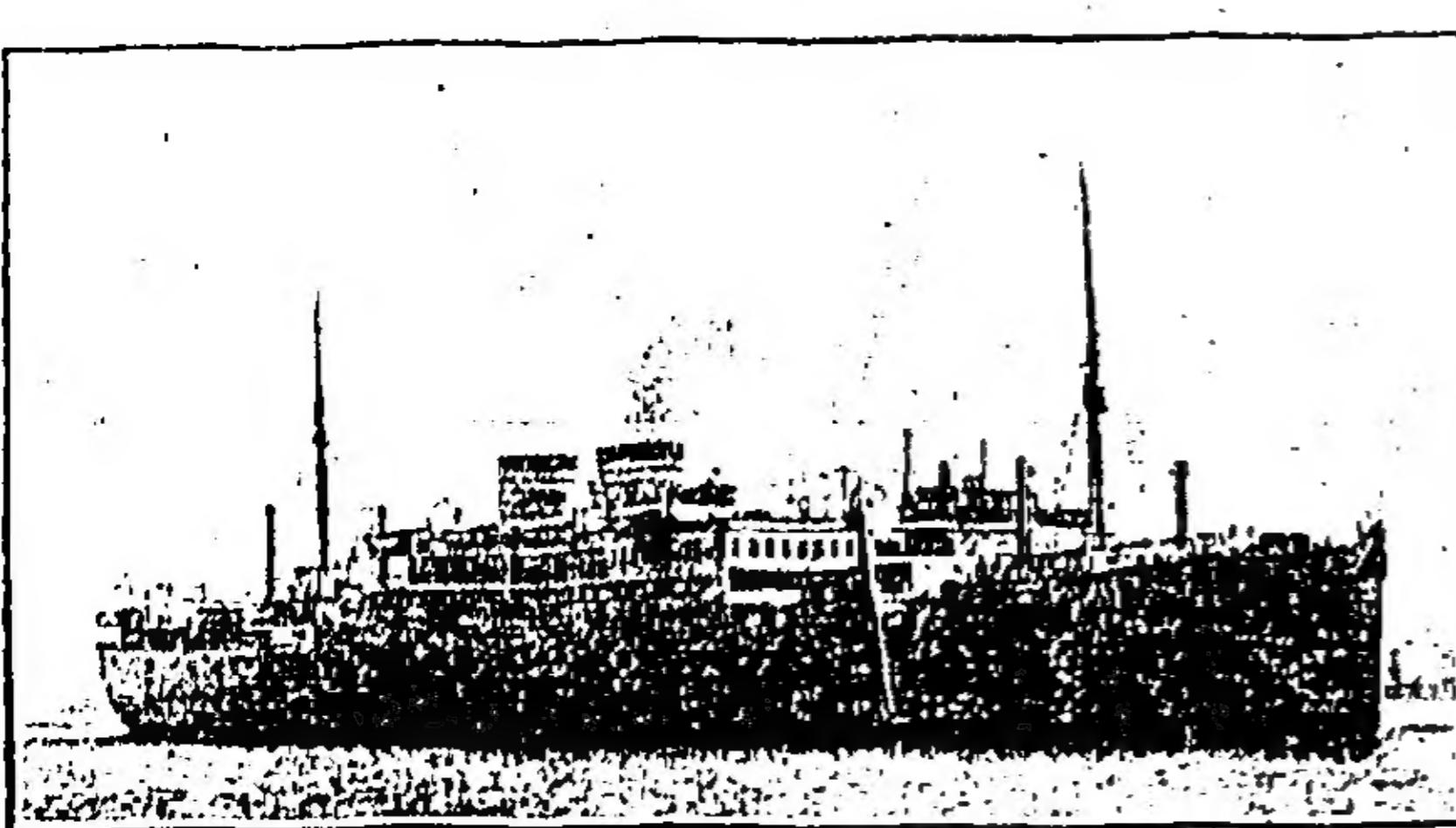
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A fragment of the Roman Wall of London, now in need of repair, at Tower Hill.
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The meet of the Middleton East in the little village of Langtoft, Yorks. The first fox gave them a 50-minute run. (Times copyright.)



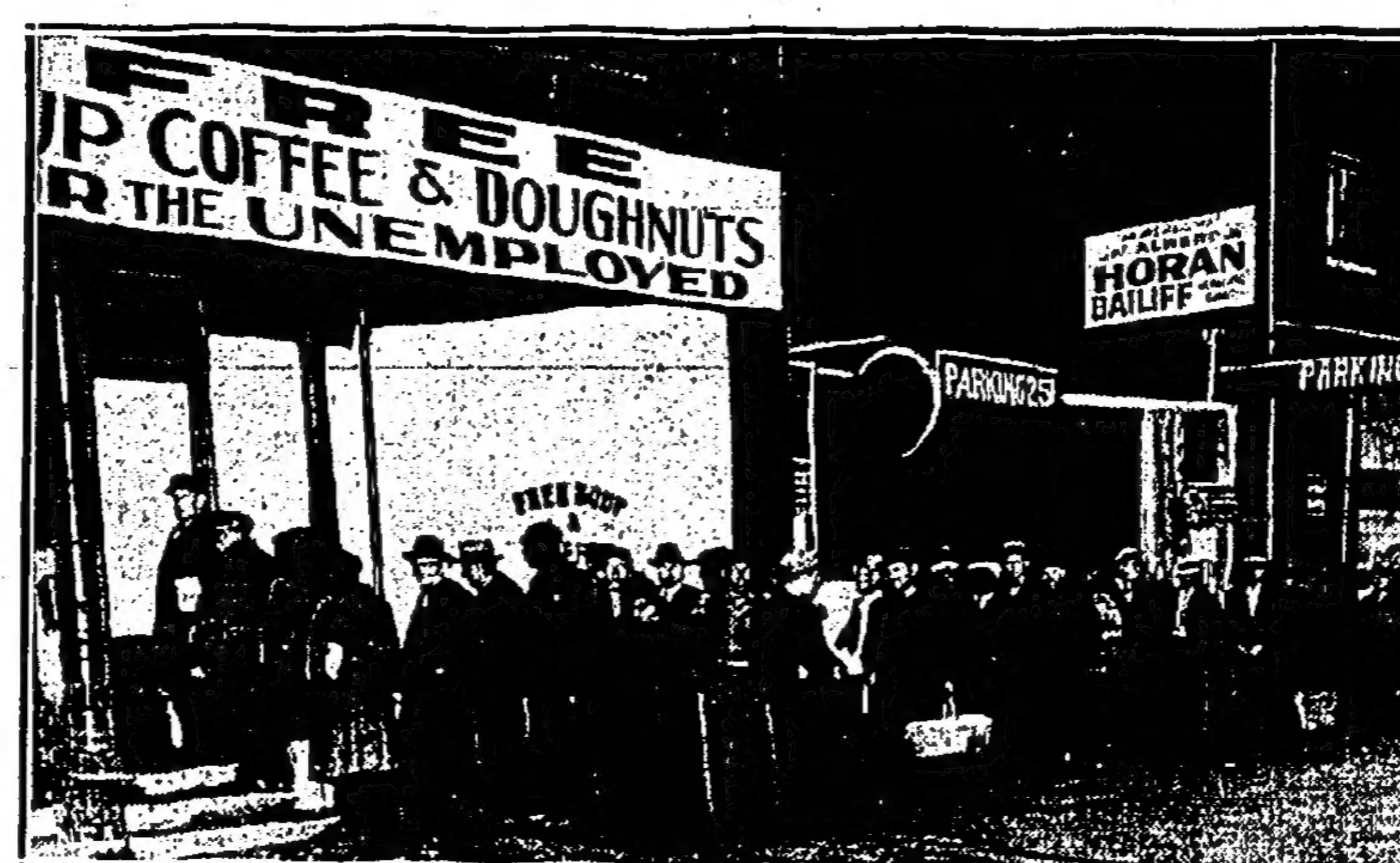
The Highland Hope which was wrecked off the Farilhoes and became a total loss. Her crew and passengers were rescued.
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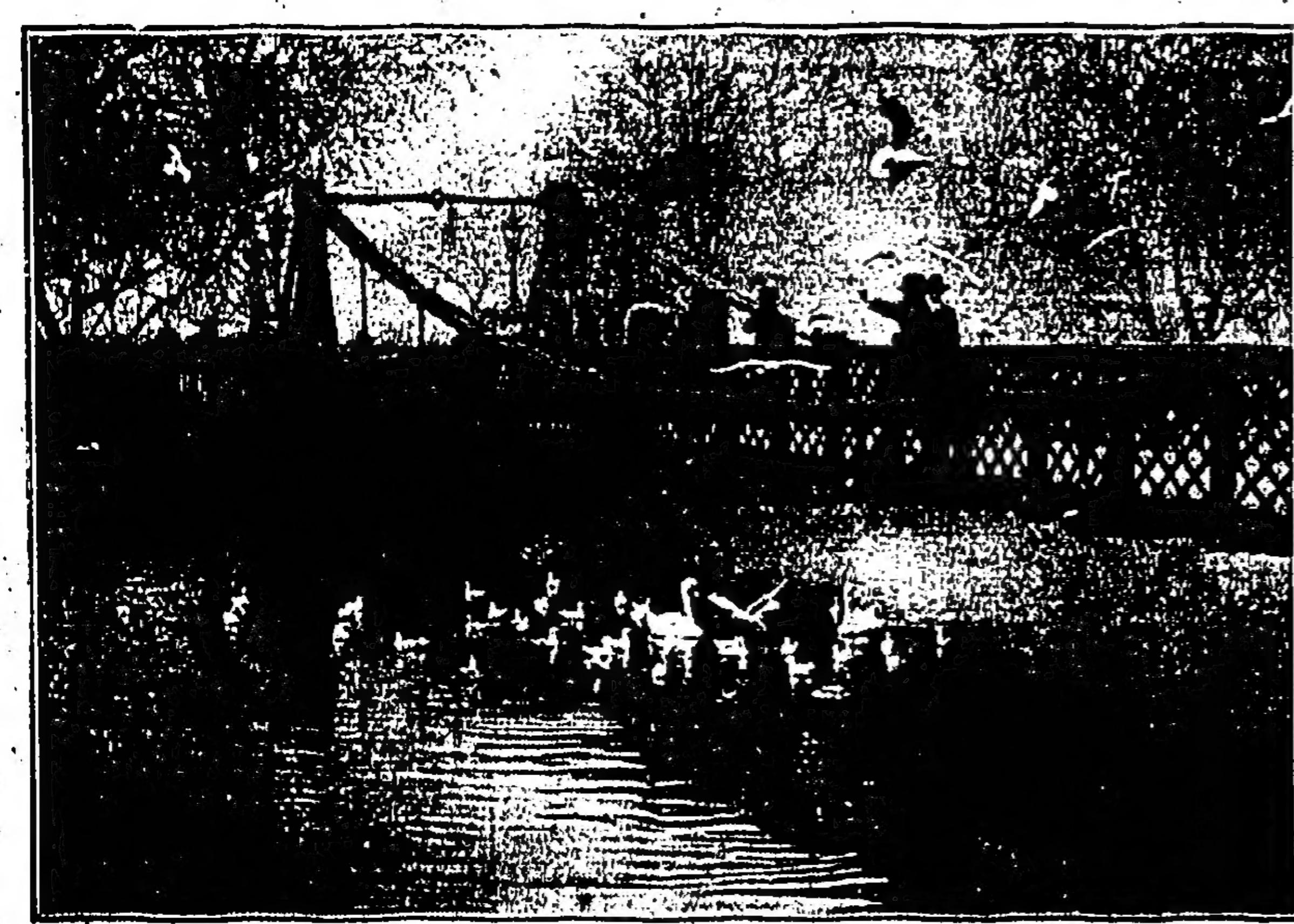
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION ACTION NO. 227 of 1930.

BETWEEN Plaintiff

Chan Si Yin

and

Yick Tai Company Shink Kee and Chan Kung Wai, Managing partner thereof.

Defendants

NOTICE is hereby given that a Writ of Attachment returnable on Friday, the 2nd day of January, 1931, against all the property movable and immovable of the above-named Defendants was issued on the 18th day of December, 1930, in this action pursuant to provisions of Chapter XVII of the Hongkong Code of Civil Procedure.

Dated the 19th day of December, 1930.

J. M. D'ALMADA REMEDIOS,
Solicitor for the Plaintiff.

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G. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 29th day of December, 1930, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tung Choi Street, Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale Registry No.	Boundary No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N. E. S. W. feet feet feet feet	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental.	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1434	Fat Wa Street, Shamshui Po	As per sale plan.	About 4,367	\$40	\$16,550

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2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2124	Adjacent to Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2223, Tung Choi Street, Mong Kok Tsui	As per sale plan.	About 2,710	\$24	\$4,350

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3	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1435	Between New Kowloon Inland Lots No. 1191 and 1193, Shamshui Po	As per sale plan.	About 19,885	\$102	\$39,700

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4	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1436	Between New Kowloon Inland Lots No. 1191 and 1193, Shamshui Po	As per sale plan.	About 19,885	\$102	\$39,700

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5	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1437	Between New Kowloon Inland Lots No. 1191 and 1193, Shamshui Po	As per sale plan.	About 19,885	\$102	\$39,700

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6	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1438	Between New Kowloon Inland Lots No. 1191 and 1193, Shamshui Po	As per sale plan.	About 19,885	\$102	\$39,700

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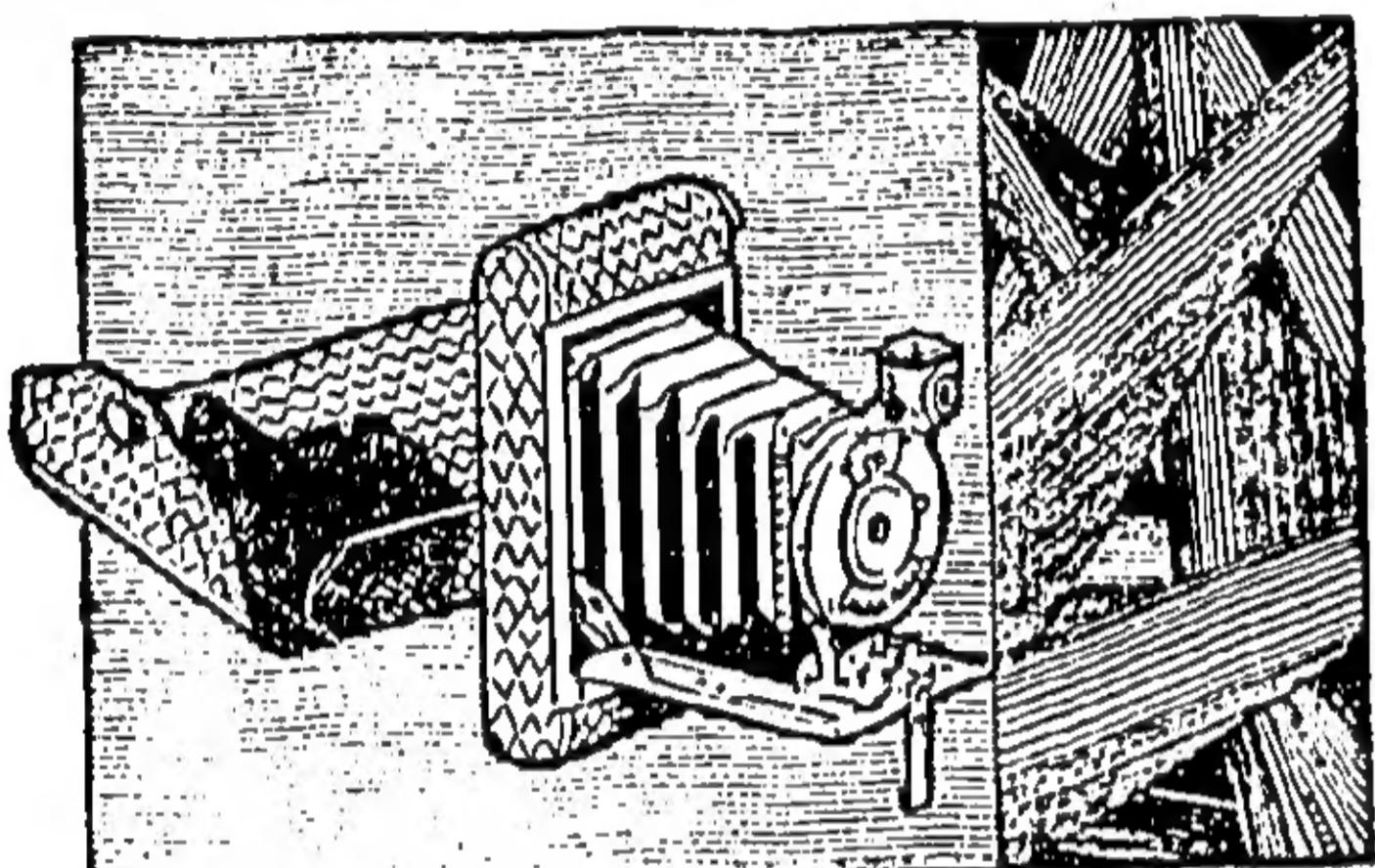
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- 5.00 p.m. Chinese Programme.
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- 7.00-8.00 p.m. Chorus-With A Song In My Heart. Jack Hylton and Orch. 36027.
- Song-Christmas Morning At Glendale's. Steve Porter (Comedian). 20209.
- Song-My Ideal. Maurice Chevalier (Baritone). 22542.
- Chorus-Twisting The Blues. The Happiness Boys. 36063.
- Orchestral-Gems from "Follow Thru."
- Orchestral-Gems from "Hold Everything." Victor Light Opera Co. 35970.
- Song-Alabama Lullaby. Gene Austin (Tenor). 22539.
- Chorus-Happy Feet. The Revelers. 22547.
- Vocal Duet-Somewhere In Old Wyoming. Bud Billings-Carson Robinson. 22660.
- Orchestral-Gems from "I'm Coming."
- Orchestral-Gems from "Opie's New Moon." Victor Light Opera Co. 35969.
- Humorous Song-I'm Yours. Johnny Marvin. 22555.
- Song-Everybody Does It In Hawaii. Jimmie Rogers. 22143.
- 8.00-9.00 p.m. Orchestral-March Of The Caucasian Chief.
- Orchestral-Dance Oriental. Philadelphia Symphony Orch. 1335.
- Song-Rise In The Hull. Reinhold Werrenrath (Baritone). 1344.
- Orchestral-Sincerity.
- Orchestral-Wedding Of The Winds. La Vittoria Orchestra. 35911.
- Violin Solo-Scherzo-Tarantelle. Violin Solo-La Ronde Des Lutins. Joshua Heifetz. 6169.
- Song-La Hera The Golden Lark. Madam Amalia Giulia-Curci. 6127.
- Violin Solo-Love's Garden of Roses. Rose Chemet. 1328.
- Orchestral-Southern Roses.
- Orchestral-Wine Women and Song. Chicago Symphony Orchestra. 6647.
- Piano Solo-Christmas Fantasy. Mark Andrews. 19816.
- Chorus-Hark The Herald Angels Sing. Trinity Choir. 19823.
- Chorus-Hodie Christus Natus Est. Dayton Westminster Choir. 20410.
- (Christ is born to-day), 9.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time Etc.
- 9.05-11.30 p.m. Dance Programme.
- Waltz-Moon Light On The Colarado. 22526.
- Fox Trot-Don't Tell Her. Fox Trot-A Peach Of A Pair. 22546.
- Fox Trot-May Be Its Love. Fox Trot-Just A Little Dance Man. Selle. 22543.
- Waltz-Just A Little While. Fox Trot-Through. 22204.
- Fox Trot-Why Do You Suppose. Fox Trot-Campus Capers. 22215.
- Fox Trot-Sophomore Prom. Fox Trot-The Web Of Love. 22341.
- Fox Trot-I'm In Love With You. Waltz-Alice Blue Gown. 22111.
- Waltz-Beautiful Lady. Fox Trot-I Got Rhythm. 22558.
- Fox Trot-Embraceable You. Fox Trot-I'd Like To Find The Guy That Wrote The Stein Song. 22493.
- Fox Trot-What's The Use? Fox Trot-Following The Sun Around. 22182.
- Waltz-If You're In Love You'll Waltz. 22182.
- Fox Trot-Without Love. 22486.
- Fox Trot-So Beats My Heart For You. Fox Trot-Sing Song Girl. 22548.
- Waltz-Song Of The Big Trail. 22448.
- Fox Trot-Sweepin' The Clouds Away. 22346.
- Fox Trot-Any Time Is The Time To Fall In Love. Fox Trot-Singing A Vagabond Song. 22306.
- Fox Trot-Puttin' On The Ritz. Fox Trot-She's Such A Comfort To Me. 22232.
- Fox Trot-What Is This Thing Called Love. Fox Trot-Miss Wonderful. 22137.
- Waltz-Once Away The Night. Fox Trot-Alive With My Dreams. 22334.
- Waltz-Lazy Louisiana Moon. Fox Trot-All I Want Is Just One. 22384.
- Fox Trot-Dancing To Save Your Soul. Fox Trot-Under Vesuvian Skies. 22460.
- Fox Trot-Juno Kisses. Fox Trot-Deep In The Arms Of Love. 22197.
- Waltz-I'll Close My Eyes To The Rest Of The World. Fox Trot-On A Little Street In Honolulu. 22504.
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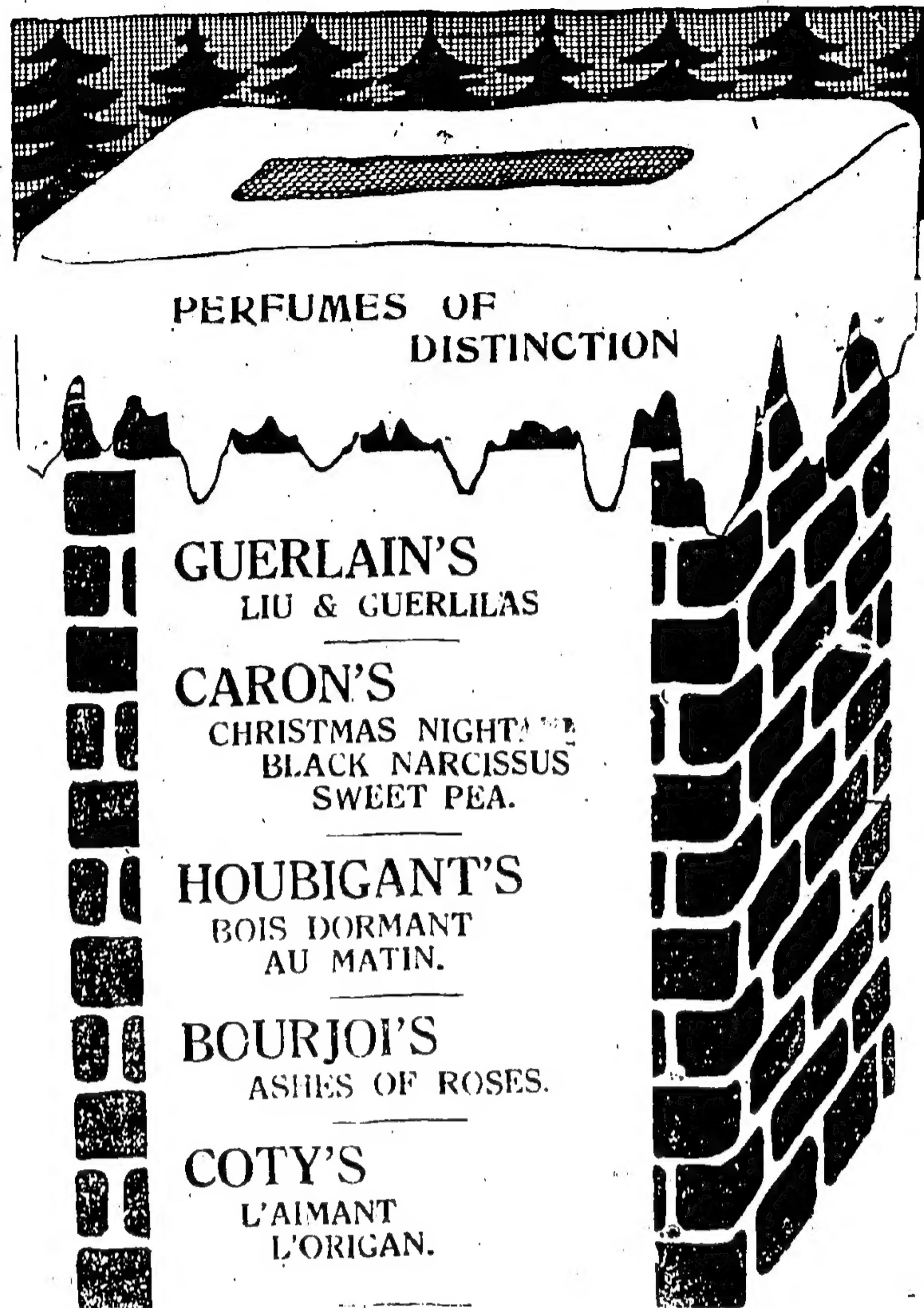


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ENJOYABLE RECITAL AT THE CATHEDRAL.

The very large number of people who attended St. John's Cathedral yesterday evening for the recital of Christmas music and carols by the Hongkong University Christian Association, who were assisted by Mrs. Snowden Jones, were given a treat, a well-chosen programme, which included one or two of the traditional carols as well as two excerpts from the "Messiah," being delightfully rendered by the talented choir and soloist.

Opening with four verses from the famous "The First Nowell," in which the congregation joined heartily, and the Cathedral choirmen sang dissonant, the next was a bracket of delightful two-part carols, "Bethlehem Down" (Peter Warlock) and "Now Every Child" (Harry Farjeon), which the choir sang with a wealth of feeling.

Mrs. Snowden Jones was in excellent voice and her singing of a couplet by the weaver of inspiring melodies Vaughan Williams, entitled "Sweet Dreams" and "Wither's Rocking Hymn," was both tasteful and full of beautiful expression.

Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O., who was at the organ throughout, rendered John Ireland's "The Holy Boy" with pleasing light and shade effect, making the work a most appealing one.

The traditional "Holly and the Ivy" was given full and rich treatment by the choir, and the congregation enjoyed taking part in the carol "A Virgin Unspotted," one of the most popular of the old Christmas tunes.

Mrs. Snowden Jones gave quite a brilliant interpretation of "Rejoice Greatly" from Handel's "Messiah," allowing full scope to her voice, which was admirably suited to such a composition.

Mr. Mason gave an equally stirring rendition of the majestic anthem "And the Glory of the Lord," another excerpt from the "Messiah," his pedal work being especially impressive.

Finally the choir sang Gustav Holst's tranquil and inspiring tune to "Lullay my Liking," this being a great achievement in delicate harmony singing, supported by some excellent solo work.

The recital concluded with the congregation taking part in the singing of the "Adeste Fideles." A collection was also taken for the Organ Fund.

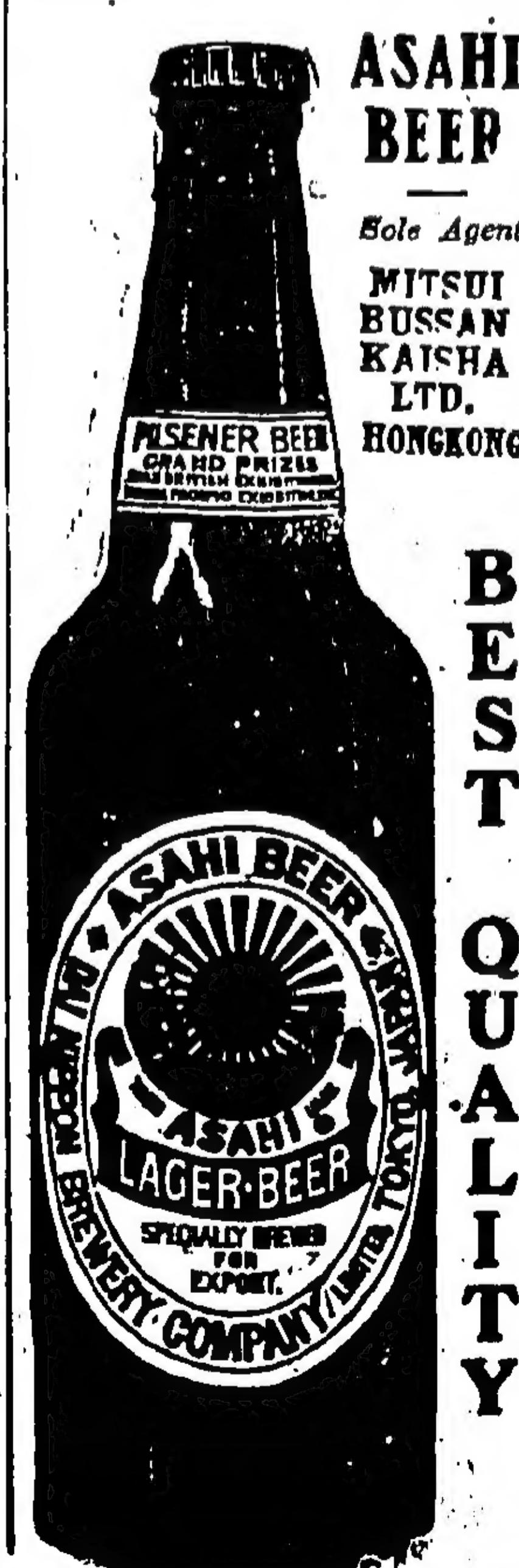
STEAMERS RESUME.

TO BE PLACED ON THE CANTON SERVICE.

It is understood that the two river steamers Paul Beau and Charles Hardouin, which have been in Tukoo Dock for some weeks for repairs, will come out of dock in a week or two and will be placed on the Canton service.

The Charles Hardouin, it is said, will be out during the next few days but the Paul Beau will not be ready for another week or so. These two steamers will maintain a nightly service between Hongkong and Canton and will call at all their oil wharfs.

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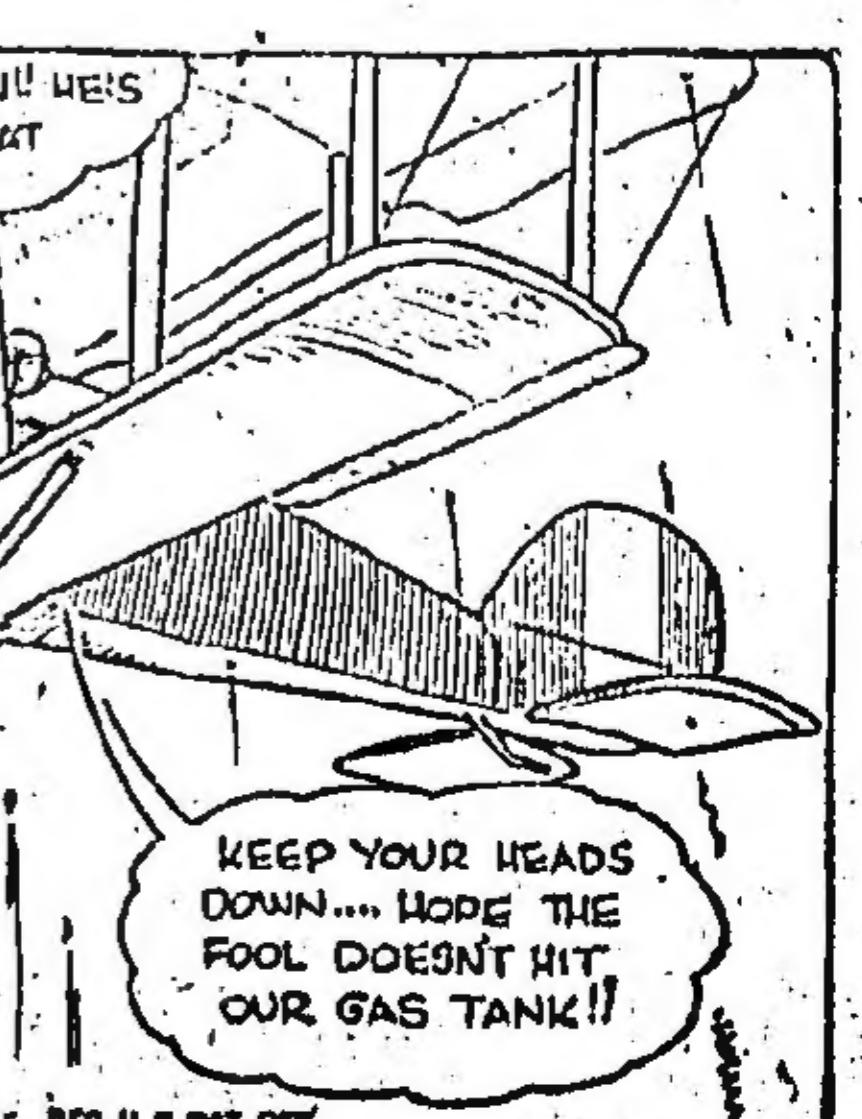
WHAT'S CLEM DOIN' RYIN' ONER IN THIS NECK OF THE WOODS? KINDA FAR FROM HIS PROPERTY LINE, SEEMS TO ME!!

**In a Nut-Shell**

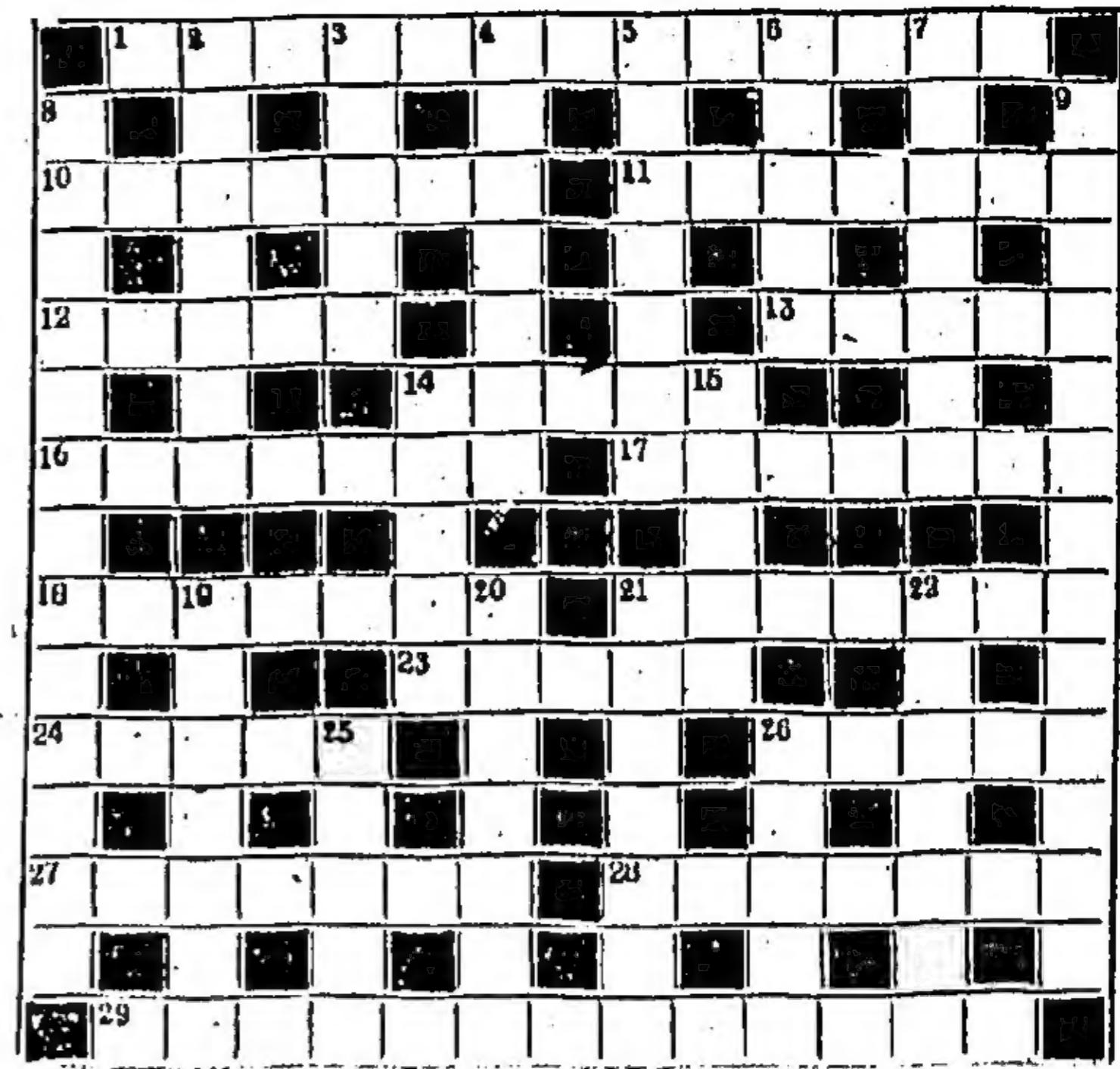
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 10 He has risen suddenly.
 11 A gaily-coloured hanky.
 12 The only fitting thing about this clue is its number—otherwise it's quite out of place.
 13 Most women do this to their hair no longer.
 14 What all crazes are bound to end in.
 16 Chosen.
 17 The Chief Magistrate of Mecca.
 18 Today's problem.
 21 Jane Bennet.
 23 Leave this surly fellow in the lurch.
 24 Princess Margaret. Roy is this.
 26 Which London suburb names a leather jacket worn by knights in armour?
 27 Flickering.
 28 This letter stands for a name.
 29 "A Bolshy plumes" himself on speaking and acting so (anag.)

Down
 2 Put into another form.
 3 "Confidence is a--of slow growth in an aged bosom" (William Pitt, Earl of Chatham).
 4 Repeat a walk over.
 5 Soaks.
 6 The South American ostrich.
 7 Run about idly from a sprite.
 8 In an elementary sort of way.
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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24, 1930.

CHILD WELFARE.

It may come as news to many of our readers to learn that there is now in existence a National Child Welfare Association of China, of which Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Industry of the Nanking Government, is President and who was largely concerned in its creation. The object of this social organisation is to advocate, protect and insure the rights of the children of China, and to promote, in every way possible, their well-being. According to Dr. Kung, the establishment of this body represents a patriotic attempt to serve the nation by helping its coming generation of citizens, "in whose hands rests the future of the largest and youngest democracy in the globe." When we consider the plight of so many hundreds of thousands of China's children, the immensity of the work which the Association has undertaken will be realised.

In its activities, the Association, we learn, is following the guiding principle of prevention rather than amelioration, and it is developing a constructive programme which includes the safeguarding of the legal rights of children, the establishment of child welfare homes, the care of dependent children, the promotion of children's health, assistance to parents and juvenile philanthropists, and social education aiming at the arousing of national sentiment on children's rights. In this connexion, Dr. Kung states that the establishment of a Juvenile Court in Shanghai is not far distant, whilst drafts for child protective legislation and a declaration of the rights of the child have been under study by a legal committee and will be submitted to the National Government.

Already a fine start has been made in practical work. No fewer than four thousand famine children have been helped, fifteen children's institutions have been given assistance, over fifty helpless orphans have been relieved in Shanghai, fourteen thousand sick children have been given medical aid in welfare clinics, and fifteen hundred home visitors have been made by nurses in itineraries of health propaganda. Of especial interest and importance are the steps being taken to arouse sentiment in connexion with maltreated children. The Shanghai Child Welfare Research Home is an experiment in child-placing whereby the Association hopes to serve as a go-between for childless homes and homeless

children. Already several children have been placed out with foster parents and as apprentices. There is also to be a Child Welfare Home established in Nanking, to serve as a model for the rest of the country.

It is realised that as the industrialisation of China proceeds, it will become increasingly necessary to guard against the exploitation of children, already in evidence and which is bound to augment the evils that disease and malnutrition have already wrought. In this connexion it may be noted that China's mortality rate is wastefully high, being estimated at no less than fifty per cent. That there is ample scope for an organisation of the type now brought into being needs no emphasising, and here in Hongkong, where child welfare is being given more attention now than ever before in the history of the Colony, we cannot but wish well to those who have put their hands to this huge problem. Their work is based on high humanitarian instincts, for there can surely be no better work than service for and on behalf of poor, helpless children.

Weihaiwei Feeling the Pinch.

The Chinese residents of Weihaiwei have been quick to discover grounds of dissatisfaction with the new administration. Official activities have been largely concerned with the operation of the Customs Station, the Salt Gabelle and the Harbour Office, and the sudden descent of burdensome taxation has naturally aroused a storm of protest. A delegation is now on its way to Nanking charged with the difficult task of persuading the Government to give the area preferential treatment. The prospects of success, we fear, are negligible. On behalf of Weihaiwei it may be argued that Britain handed over to China a self-supporting area not entirely devoid of a promising future, populated by inhabitants who know what is good government—so succinctly appreciated by that gift to Sir Reginald Johnston of pure spring water in a spotless white bowl—and dependent for its economic success upon a maintenance of similar conditions, the alternative being a valuable addition to Nanking's many responsibilities. On the other side, it may be pointed out that Weihaiwei's existence as a free port enabled the trade to penetrate beyond the borders of the territory in what practically amounted to an unofficial, though quite open, form of smuggling. The result was that goods which would otherwise have gone to Tsingtao or Chefoo have been diverted to Weihaiwei which thereby has been serving an area considerably larger than it ordinarily would. Customs revenues at these two ports have suffered to a considerable degree, and the changed circumstances merely have the effect of restoring to them their rightful volume of trade. Those who lived upon this not altogether proper prosperity must necessarily suffer. The official argument is one difficult to overcome and however much Weihaiwei dislikes the new Customs Station, the residents will have to put up with it, consoled themselves, if they can, with the thought of their "splendid" contribution to the success of China's diplomacy.

On the appearance on remand of the foki of the fruit market of Bonham Strand West, before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning on charge of murdering another stall foki Mr. T. Murphy (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence) intimated that the Crown would be ready to proceed with the case almost immediately. Mr. Arthur Covey appeared for the defendant, who was remanded until Monday, when date for the hearing will be fixed.

VALUATION OF A FACTORY:**KNITTING CO. ORDERED TO PAY \$550.**

Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke, No. 3, Queen's Building, were plaintiffs in the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Jacks, when they claimed against the Kee Wah Knitting Company, of Tam Kung Road, Kowloon, for \$550, being the cost of preparing an inventory and valuation of defendants' Causeway Bay factory.

Mr. C. E. L. Grist was for plaintiffs, while defendants were neither present nor represented.

Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield, in evidence, stated that he was a partner in the plaintiff firm. He said that on September 7, 1928, defendant instructed his firm to make a valuation report of their premises. The matter was attended to, but, in spite of frequent applications, nothing had been paid at all.

Replying to his Lordship, Mr. Brayfield said that the fee was an agreed one and was reasonable.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff with costs.

DAY BY DAY

A SLAVE HAS BUT ONE MASTERS; THE AMBITIOUS MAN HAS AS MANY MASTERS, AS THERE ARE PERSONS WHOSE AID MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF HIS FUTURE.—*La Bruyere.*

The next issue of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will be on Boxing Day. We take this opportunity of wishing all our readers a Merry Christmas.

Messrs. Watson and Boulchand have issued a very acceptable desk jotting pad.

The dollar showed an advance of 1/8¢ this morning, the quotation being 1s. 1½d.

A Christmas Tree Party for pupils and friends is to be held at the Mauricio Physical Training Institute on December 26, at 4.30 p.m.

The well-known marine and motor engineers, Messrs. John I. Thorneycroft and Co., Ltd., have issued excellent wall calendars depicting their famous products.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Svante Osmund Bergslien, "The Peak," to Miss Tui O'Kane, Park Lane Mansions, Sydney, now residing at No. 151, "The Peak."

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Five Chinese were charged before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with having stowed away on the s.s. *Tilliwang* from Sandakan. They pleaded guilty and were fined \$50 or one month's imprisonment each. A police officer stated that one of them had \$200 in his possession.

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"...add a dash of grenadine and shake well. You might prefer just a little more gin."

THIS YOUTH BUSINESS.

No. 2—Life's Apprenticeship.

By BOYD CABLE.

THE MAIN TROUBLE with a large section of "Youth" today is that it isn't Youth. This is the section which has completely outgrown Youth, is well into young manhood and womanhood, but continues to believe it is, to think and act as if it still were, Youth.

This section usually belongs to what one may call the "Pleasured Class." It can't be called a loafed class because many in it are busy enough in their own way, even if it is only in entertaining and, still more, in being entertained while passing the time until their friends or relatives find them a job, or in work at college, and improving their golf and car driving on vacation for about a third of the year.

This class is extremely vivacious and vocal. Their escapades, their freedom of latchkey, cocktail and cigarette, their talk and their opinions published in the Press about the "Rights" of Youth, all tend to spread the belief that they are Youth, and thoroughly representative of it.

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A young man named Nunari, employed in the tourist department of the principal hotel in Pera, has been the hero of a remarkable exploit by which he succeeded in overtaking the Simplon-Orient express from Istanbul after it had travelled over sixteen miles on its way to Paris.

A party of Americans whom Nunari had conducted to Istanbul Railway Station discovered a quarter of an hour before the departure of the express that the necessary Turkish visas had not been endorsed. The young man volunteered to obtain the necessary endorsements from the police headquarters and be back before the train left.

When Nunari returned he found that the express had already departed with the Americans. The first stop would be at San Stefano about 13 miles distant. He determined to risk the journey, and, jumping again into his taxi, he started on a wild rush to San Stefano. There is no speed limit on this road because the authorities well know that high speeds are impossible if the car is to survive.

When the taxi reached San Stefano the train had just started off to Kuchuk Chokmoh, the next stopping-place, about three miles farther on. The road here was almost impassable, and, after bumping along to the next village, the driver absolutely refused to go any further. Nunari could see the tantalising train slowly climbing the incline to Kuchuk Chokmoh where it would only stop for two minutes. Casting off his hat and overcoat he ran on to the railway line and sprinted along the sleepers.

He reached the train, shouting with all his might and holding aloft the passports. Most of the passengers and train officials were at the windows watching the unusual spectacle and cheering him on. He handed over the passports to the Americans just as the train was moving off again.

FOOCHOW'S FAMOUS BRIDGE.

600-YEAR-OLD STRUCTURE BEING WIDENED.

MODERN DEMANDS.

Foochow, Dec. 19.
A fresh instance of the way in which Foochow, like the rest of China, is changing, is the widening of the famous Bridge of Ten Thousand Ages. The bridge was built in the time of the Emperor Ta-Teh, of the Yuan dynasty, in the year 1330 A.D. Under the Emperor Ch'en-Lung (Tsing dynasty) it was repaired and altered, in the year 1780. When one remembers that at that time the use of machinery was still unknown, it is wonderful that the bridge has been able to stand the stress imposed upon it by the swift flow of the River Min, the waters of which in time of flood, often flow over the surface of the roadway. Its beauty has long been an object of admiration by visitors from all over the world, and pictures or photographs of it always provoke delighted comment.

But it has proved far too narrow for modern requirements. Barely twelve feet broad, it was just sufficient for the foot traffic of the past. The advent of rickshaws caused frequent crowding, and the uneven surface made the occupants of the rickshaws feel more inclined to walk. Then came horse-drawn vehicles, and now the introduction of motor-cars has made the problem one of real urgency. Two cars could not pass on the bridge, so a system of red and green lights has been installed, to notify an approaching car whether it safe to proceed or not—obvious a very unsatisfactory expedient.

Now a thorough alteration has been commenced. A contract has been made with a Japanese firm, to lay down a completely new surface of concrete blocks, while using the old piers that have so well stood the test of time. The new bridge is to be two and a half times as wide as the old one, with a carriage-way twenty feet broad in the middle, and a footpath five feet wide on each side. According to the contract, the work is to be finished in four months; no mean aim, as the total length of the two bridges (for there is a shorter bridge at the south side of the Middle Island) is 1,500 feet. It will be interesting to see if the time limit will be observed. The cost of the alterations will be more than \$146,000.

This contract is not the work of a moment. Careful investigation has been going on for some time, and we are assured that the changes made will in no way interfere with the safety of the bridge. Now that the work has been begun, people are realising how convenient the bridge was, despite its narrowness. During alterations, passengers will be conveyed across the river in large ferry-boats drawn by small motor tugs, free of charge; but the trouble of waiting for these boats, getting on and off them, &c., will make the people unwilling to cross the river, unless it is really necessary. It is interesting to note that the authorities, in addition to providing these boats, have arranged for a number of men to be on the spot, ready to pull out of the water anyone who misses his footing. As it is estimated that several hundred cross the river every five minutes, this precaution is quite reasonable.

At all events, the alteration of the Bridge of Ten Thousand Ages is another sign of the new epoch which is dawning in China. —Our Own Correspondent.

34 YEARS IN PRISON FOR £14.

RECODER AND WAY CRIMINALS MADE.

Sentences totalling over 34 years for stealing less than £14 worth of property were mentioned at the Old Bailey when James Brady, aged 73, pleaded guilty to house-breaking at Woodford Green.

Detective Pharaoh said that Brady was first convicted when he was 19, and sentenced to three months' hard labour for stealing money from a till. His next sentence was at the age of 22, when he received seven years' penal servitude for stealing an empty cash-box value £5.

The Recorder (Sir Ernest Wild, K.C.)—They gave him seven years for that?—Yes.

Has anybody tried to help him?

No. The Recorder—This is a concrete illustration of the way our predecessors manufactured criminals.

"Thank God that is not the way we treat criminals now," he said. "We have gentler and more effective measures."

The Recorder said that he would give Brady a real chance and postponed sentence.

"I am only sorry it is 50 years too late," he added.

CHINA'S POSITION IN OUTLINE.

CLAIMS OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.

London, Dec. 23.
A review of the political outlook in China, submitted to the Manchester Chamber of Commerce by the Doctor Kuang-sun Young (the Special Commissioner in Europe of the Chinese Government) has just been issued.

It expresses the opinion that renewal of the treaty on which rests Sino-British relations, which is to expire two years hence, is plainly impossible. Nationalist China, while desirous of abolishing extraterritoriality, does not desire abolition of foreign legitimate interests, property rights and personal safety.

Dr. Young notes with satisfaction the decrease of foreigners in China who have always urged their Governments to a "strong" policy. Discussing China's international status, Dr. Young says what Nationalist China wants is the passing of the unequal treaty regime, but what is even more important is the passing of the fossil mentality, which augurs well for the friendly relations between China and the Powers. The reaction caused by the foreign Powers dilly-dallying is vanishing.

China is not all war and banditry. She is getting ahead, and since the "Three Eastern Provinces" (Dr. Young objects to the name Manchuria) have sided with the Central Government, the outlook for peace, stability and commerce is brightening daily.—*Reuter*.

BRITISH WIVES OF ALIENS.

BILL TO RESTORE A LOST RIGHT.

British women who marry foreigners will remain British, if a Bill introduced by Dr. Ethel Bentham, Labour M.P. for Islington, E., becomes law.

The Bill, known as the Nationality of Women Bill, is backed by Dr. Marion Phillips (Lab., Sunderland), Miss Pitton-Turberville (Lab., The Wrekin), Miss E. Wilkinson (Lab., Middlesbrough), Miss J. Lee (Lab., Lanark, N.), Lady Noel Buxton (Lab., N. Norfolk), Miss E. Rathbone (Ind. English Universities), Mr. J. Chuter Ede (Lab., South Shields), Mr. H. T. Muggeridge (Lab., Romford), Mr. G. Mander (L., Wolverhampton, E.) and Mr. C. Wilson (Lab., Attleborough).

A memorandum attached to the Bill, states that the measure restores to a British woman the right she lost in 1870 of retaining her British nationality on marriage with an alien; and provides that a woman who has already lost her British nationality by marriage shall regain it unless she makes a declaration of alienage.

Wives from Abroad.

It further provides that an alien woman shall not, as at present, require British nationality by marriage with a British subject. It requires her to undergo the usual naturalisation formalities. At the same time, the Bill safeguards the position of alien women who have already been recognised as British on their marriage with British subjects.

The Bill is on the lines of the recommendations of the Imperial Conference.

NEW TYPE OF STRAIT WAISTCOAT.

FOR USE IN MILITARY PRISONS.

A new type of strait waistcoat is to be introduced in military depots and military prisons, to be used if necessary to restrain prisoners undergoing sentence who may be guilty of violent conduct. It takes the place of the loose canvas restraint jacket.

No soldier under sentence is placed under mechanical restraint except in case of urgent necessity. It is also provided by regulations that no soldier shall be kept under mechanical restraint for more than 24 hours without an order in writing from the General Officer Commanding specifying the cause and the time under which the soldier is to be so restrained.

These mechanical devices are, moreover, resorted to only on medical grounds and by the direction of the medical officer. The soldier, under restraint in the jacket is visited by the medical officer at least twice in 24 hours, and oftener if necessary.

Military punishments were at one time considerably more severe than they are to-day. Flogging was formerly carried out on a wholesale scale, sentences of 300 to 600 lashes being common. Eventually flogging disappeared, and now "Field Punishment No. 1" has been taken out of the "Manual of Military Law."

A BRITON IN ALL BUT NAME.

HOME OFFICE AND A PATRIOTIC ALIEN.

A man who has lived in England for 40 years—ever since he was eight years old—was summoned at Marylebone for using a name other than that by which he was ordinarily known on the date of the outbreak of the Great War.

The defendant was a Dutch subject, named John Philip Katz, of Walmer street, Marylebone.

His counsel said that Katz was educated at a London Board School, married a British woman, and for 30 years had been connected with St. Augustine's Church, Hoxton, acting as sidesman and Sunday School teacher.

He was a man of most exemplary character, as the clergy of the church would testify.

Tried to Enlist.

He was also perfectly patriotic. When the war started he applied to join up, and was told that he could not until he was naturalised, and when he asked to be naturalised he was told he could not do so until the war was over.

At the end of 1914 he changed his name by deed poll to Scott—the Home Office allowing him to do so—and he continued to use that name for four years, when permission was withdrawn.

The Magistrate (Mr. Halkett): Why did the Home Office withdraw it?

Counsel: I don't know. There was no suggestion against him and there never has been.

Counsel added that it was the defendant's anxiety to become a naturalised British subject that had brought about these proceedings, he having described himself in his application as "commonly known as Scott."

"This seems rather like persecution," said the magistrate. He dismissed the summons as bad on the technical ground that it did not mention the date of the offence. "I am very glad of the excuse," he said.

DIVORCE JUDGE ON HOME.

WHERE A MAN'S HEART IS.

The problem of "Where is home?" was raised in the Divorce Court in a case concerning the domicile of Mr. Herbert Owen Fowler.

In 1914 he went to the Malay States; he was married in 1916 at Singapore, and in 1920 he and his wife returned to England and stayed with Mr. Fowler's father at Thornton Heath.

At the end of 1922 they took a flat in Paris, and at times Mrs. Fowler came to Thornton Heath. Their child is at school in England.

In September last year Mrs. Fowler came to England and Mr. Fowler began proceedings for divorce in Paris on the ground of alleged desertion. The French court stayed proceedings until the question of domicile had been decided in England.

A Question of Affection.
Lord Merrivale said that the parties both spoke of the flat in Paris as "home," but that expression meant nothing. It had been said that a man's home was where his heart was, and that might be where the people were for whom the man had the most affection.

He had no doubt that the home tie in the husband's mind had been weakened by the years spent abroad, and it might also be said that he had acquired something like an international domicile.

But had Mr. Fowler abandoned his old relationship with England? He had not proved that he had a domicile in any State other than England. Judgment would therefore be in favour of the wife.

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COUNTY CRICKETER'S FIGHT.

CHARGE OF UNLAWFUL WOUNDING.

George Brown, aged 43, the Hampshire and England cricketer, gave evidence at Eastleigh Police Court against Arthur Frederick George Eames, aged 31, his son-in-law, who with his father, mother, and brother, was charged with unlawfully wounding Brown.

The others accused were Annie Eames, aged 48, Albert Smith Thomas, 58, and Albert Charles Thomas Eames, aged 22, of Chandler's Ford, Hampshire.

Superintendent Bragnell said that trouble arose during the removal of furniture from the house where the Eames lived together. Brown's daughter was separated from Arthur Eames, and the solicitors arranged that certain furniture given to her by Brown should be returned to her.

Brown, who limped into court, stated in evidence, that when he spoke to his son-in-law about some missing furniture, Eames invited him to fight.

Brown said that as this was not the first time he had been insulted, despite all the help in food and money he had given to Eames, he would accept the challenge.

"The Hooligan's Butt."

He fought Eames in a field opposite the house and landed several straight lefts and right hooks. However, he did not follow up his advantage. Eames then attacked him with "the hooligan's butt," and threw his arms around his legs and forced his head into him, throwing him to the ground. Eames' father and mother urged their son on.

"I was standing on guard, thinking it was all over," continued Brown, "when Arthur Eames came at me again. He suddenly kicked me on the shins; then in the stomach, and while on top of me on the ground clutched at my face."

Someone picked him up. Eames then seized him by the throat and he thought that he was finished. Mrs. Eames hit him on the head with something hard, and after what seemed hours someone pulled Eames up and he got to his feet, but collapsed.

Dr. Misquith, who attended Brown, said that the injuries to the throat and abdomen might have had very serious results.

The accused persons elected to go for trial and reserved their defence. The Bench reduced the charge to one of causing grievous bodily harm, and committed them for trial at Hampshire Quarter Sessions, allowing bail.

LORD DERBY'S APPEAL TO YOUNG MEN.

TAKE PART IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

The Earl of Derby, at the Liverpool Constitutional Club urged the younger generation to come forward and play their part in public affairs.

"There comes a time," he stated, "when old actors ought to get off the stage before they are kicked off. At the present moment older actors like myself remain on, not because they want to stop others, but because they know that there is a very great gap, owing to the war, between one generation and another, and they want to place their experience at the disposal of younger men.

"What depresses me is the extraordinary apathy and unwillingness of so many men to take their proper part in the conduct of municipal and international affairs, and their extraordinary attitude in taking advantage of other men's work and never doing 'hand-stir' themselves.

"You have to speak out to these men. Unless they come to the front they will only have themselves to blame if things go against them in future."

Lord Derby, in urging business men and younger men to come forward, said that he was referring not only to political affairs.

EXCHANGE RATES.

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Geneva	25.00	25
Berlin	20.37½	20.37½
Oslo	16.15½	16.15½
Helsingfors	193	193
Athens	37.94	37.94
Buenos Aires	26.15/16	36½
Shanghai	1/5.20/32	1/5.20/32
New York	38.21/32	43.54
Amsterdam	12.05½	12.05½
Stockholm	18.10	18.10
Vienna	34.71½	34.71½
Lisbon	45.60	45.60
Bucharest	817½	818
Montevideo	30½	30½
Hongkong	1/14	1/14
Brussels	34.70½	34.75
Milan	92.76½	92.72½
Copenhagen	—	18.16
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
Prague	103	103
Rio	4%	4.11/18
Bombay	1/5½	1/5½
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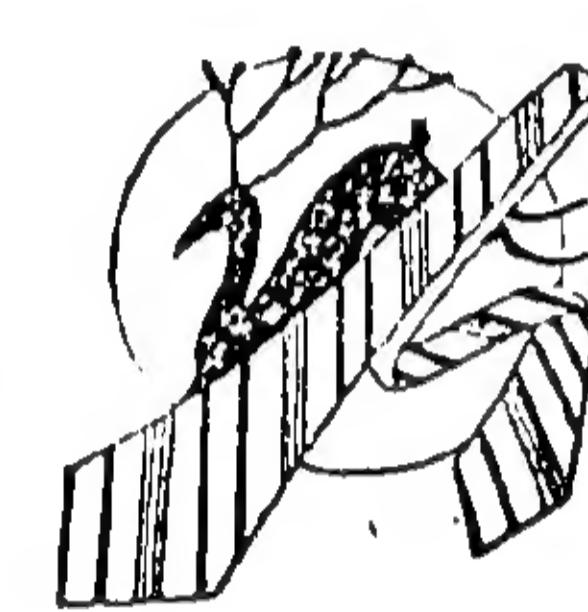
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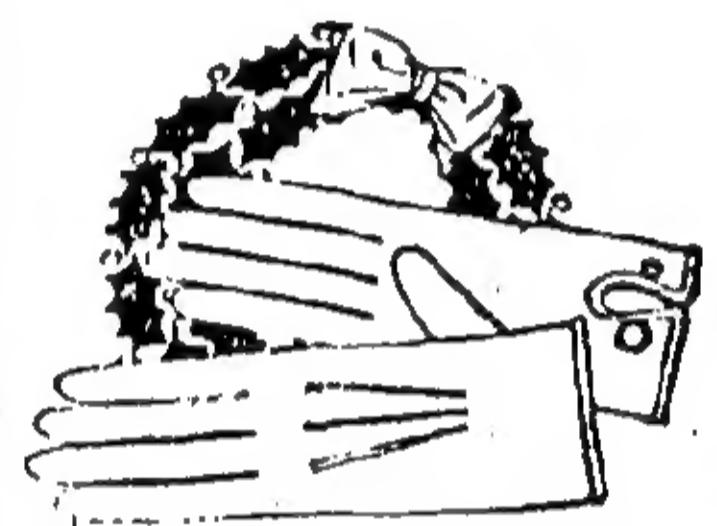
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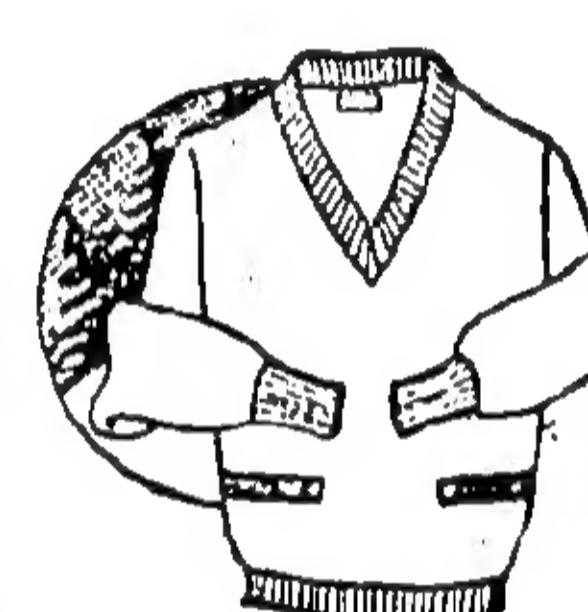
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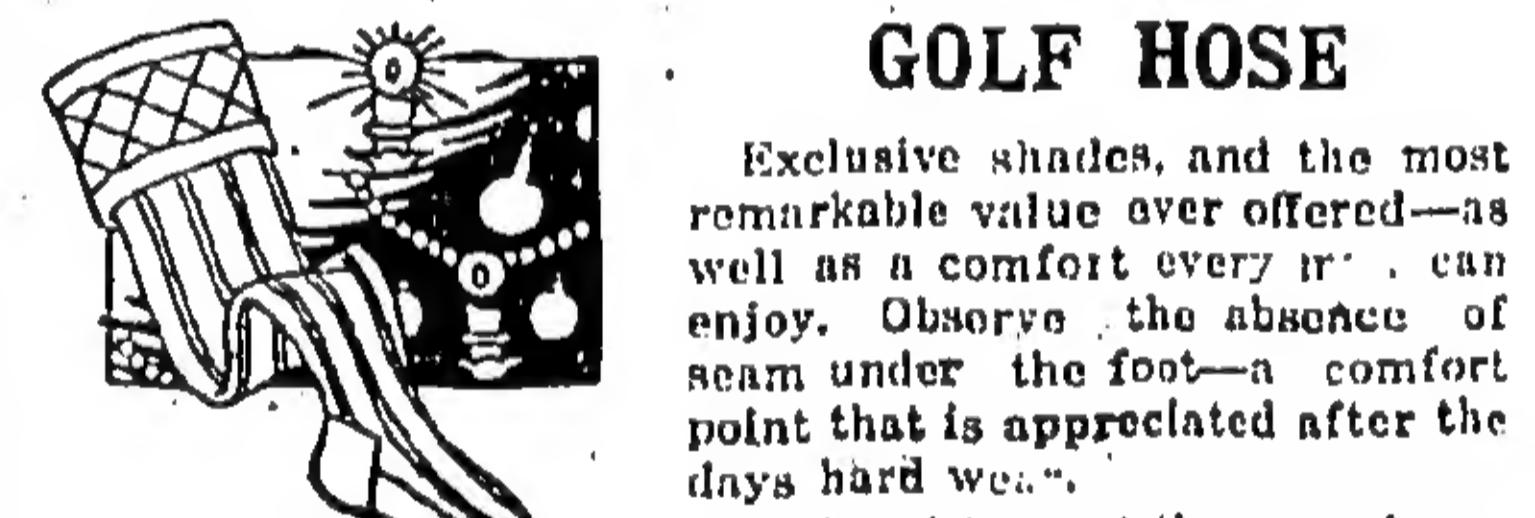
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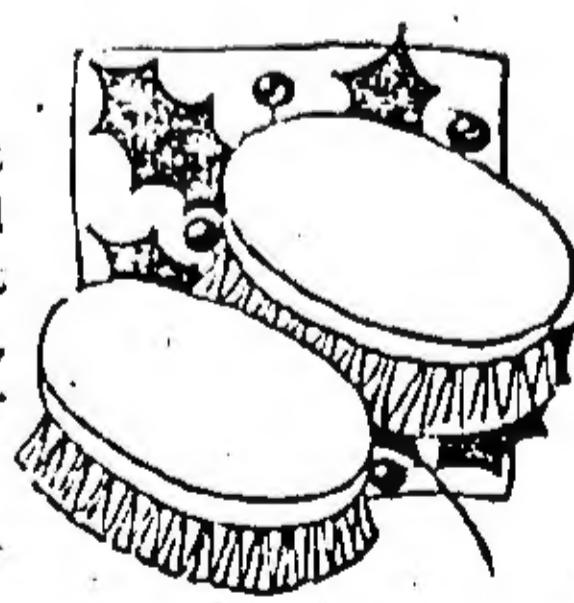
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CINEMA NOTES.

ROMANCE MORE VIVID IN DANGER.

Romance is easier to depict in great battle stories and spectacles showing men in struggle than in almost any other type of play, according to Buster Keaton, comedy star, whose latest talkie, "Dough Boys," opens at the Queen's Theatre to-day.

"The law of contrast is largely the reason," stated the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer comedian in a recent interview. "If you tell a simple love story by itself, it may be nice but not necessarily effective. You must tell it in a background of battles and the spectacle of an army in action, and it becomes a vital thing as part of the bigger whole. This was, for instance, the secret of the romance in 'The Big Parade,' and it works equally as well in comedy."

It's really part of the psychological truth that love is always more interesting when there is some danger attached to it. Women love to be fought for and protected and much of the patriotic fervour of war is based on the fact that men are safeguarding the country and indirectly the home and women folk."

This hero worship plays an important part in the structure of "Dough Boys," for Sally Elmer, playing the feminine lead, incites Keaton not only to join the ranks but to throw discretion to the winds in an attempt to endow himself with glory. The fact that his attempts usually end up in ridiculous comic situations does not alter the fundamental idea.

The comedy shows Keaton as a millionaire's son who gets a taste of life in the trenches. Miss Elmer is seen as an overseas war entertainer. The cast also includes Cliff Edwards, Edward Brophy, Victor Potel, Frank Mayo and William Steele.

Two songs are heard in the pictures: "Sing" sung by Cliff Edwards, and "Misery Military Man" written by Edward Sedgwick. The director, Sedgwick and Edward also form a trio as part of the programme of a division "show" at the front in which the comedian appears in tunic and garb and executes an "Apache" dance. This is said to be one of the most amusing sequences of the picture which Keaton reports is the most elaborately produced comedy in which he has yet appeared.

"Captain of the Guard"

"Captain of the Guard," the biggest all-sound production so far attempted in the motion picture industry, which opens on Friday at the Central Theatre, is a dramatic musical spectacle of the French Revolution, co-starring John Boles, singing star of "The Desert Song," "Son of the West," "Rio Rita" and others, and Laura La Plante.

It brings Charles Wakefield Cadman, America's foremost composer, to the singing screen for the first time with specially written songs, which will become immensely popular because of their haunting melodies.

And the Marseillaise itself, the dramatic national hymn of the French nation, is dramatized both in pictures and music. This song is the theme behind the picture, the immortal music that carries forward both the beautiful love story between Boles as Rouge de Lisle, and Miss La Plante, as Marie Marnay, who becomes the flaming leaders of the early revolutionaries, known to them and to the whole of France as "The Torch."

It is La Marseillaise, also, which carries forward the tremendous drama of the revolution itself, pictured in the film by huge battle scenes between the revolutionary mobs and the King's trained guards, in which as many as 7,000 players, all in peasant costumes or brilliant picturesque uniforms, were used at one time.

Interspersed throughout the picture are gorgeous special effects scenes in music of the old peasant folk dances by torchlight, of the quaint customs and dress of the rustics, and beautiful, romantic love scenes between Boles and Miss La Plante. His magnificent voice is heard to its greatest possible advantage in the varying moods of the picture; in the tender love songs of Cadman's and singing La Marseillaise itself as he composes it.

Queer Trick in "The Girl Said No."

Picking up a voice coming through a dictaphone, and recording it in motion picture film, one of the strangest ever tried in talking pictures, was accomplished for the first time during the making of "The Girl Said No," William Haines' new picture which will come to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

The scene shows Leila Hyams, as secretary, announcing to Haines in an office dictaphone to Wilbur Mack, and his voice coming through the loud speaker to admit the visitor. A regular dictaphone was set up on a sound stage and used just as in an office. After experiments the microphones of the talking apparatus were so distanced that the effect was perfect.

The new picture, which Sam Wood directed, shows Haines as a college graduate facing the first year of business life. Miss Hyams, Francis X. Bushman, Jr., Polly Moran and Marie Dressler have prominent roles.

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ENGLAND VERSUS SCOTLAND.

INTERNATIONAL CHARITY MATCH TO-MORROW.

TWO STRONG TEAMS.

[BY "WANDERER."]

It would be difficult to imagine a better holiday football attraction than the international match between England and Scotland to be played at the Club ground tomorrow in the International Charity Cup Competition.

The method of team selection, while giving rise to a certain amount of grouping, bids fair to produce an extremely keen game. England will start definite favourites, although the Scotland team has distinct possibilities. The teams will probably line out as follows:

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Pile, T. Pile, Gatehouse, Hanson

Skinner, Scotland, Rodger, McBride, Alexander, McElvane, Christie, Wyllie and Brown.

England will play in white and Scotland in blue.

The Pipe Band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, by kind permission, will play before the start and during the interval.

On Boxing Day, Portugal meets the holders China in the other semi-final. Neither team has come to hand.

Both matches kick-off at 3.30 p.m.

On New Year's Day the annual Charity match between the Services and the Rest of the Colony is to be played, in aid of M.C.L. (Naval and Military Branches) funds, kick-off at 3.30 p.m.

It is hoped that His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, the Commodore and Sir Shou Son Chow will be present.

MRS. SYDNEY WEBB.

THE OVERLOADED CABINET.

The first part of a lecture by Mrs. Sidney Webb in the Kingaway Hall recently had a bearing on a discussion in the Press a few months ago by M.P.s and others on "What is wrong with Parliament?"

The subject of Mrs. Sidney Webb's lecture was, "Can we make British Parliamentary Government equal to its task?"

Our Government, she declared, was failing to cope with its work. Owing to the necessity for limiting the number of Cabinet Ministers, to make Government by Cabinet, possible, there was growing up a practice of heaping up duties on one man.

During the last 12 months the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and the President of the Board of Trade had been largely out of England attending to foreign affairs.

If it was not for the Civil Service, which did the great bulk of the work, we should have all gone to demission a long time ago.

Her Remedy.

As a remedy for this overtasking of the Cabinet she suggested the election of two national assemblies—one for Scotland and one for England and Wales—who would direct their own departments with their own independent revenues, and take over Health, Education, Labour, Unemployment, National Insurance and the supervision of local authorities.

The King, Lords and Commons would continue supreme with a smaller Cabinet, but would restrict themselves to foreign relations, to the Overseas Empire, defence, law and justice, the Post Office, the National Debt and the requisite taxation.

Mrs. Webb repudiated the suggestion that there was any relation between her ideas and those of that individual who goes under the fantastical name of Lord Passfield (her husband).

"He may be responsible for my debts if I have any," she said, "but he is not responsible for my ideas, and if I say things about Cabinet Government, you must not assume that I refer to the Labour Cabinet."

The Band and Drums of the 1st Bn. The South Wales Borderers will play on the ground from 3 to 3.30 p.m., and during the interval.

The Services will be represented by a team selected from the following eleven players: Chunes, Dixon, Robertson, Magee, Skinner, and Beacock, of the Navy; Henderson, Hay, Yeoman and Campbell of the R.A.F.

The best team will be: Clarke (Police); Li Tin-sang (South China), Martin (Kowloon), Hedley (Kowloon), Oram (Police), Lam Yuk-ying (Athletic); B. Gosano (Recreio) Segnali Club), A. Gosano (Recreio), Fung King-cheong and Ip Pak-wan (South China).

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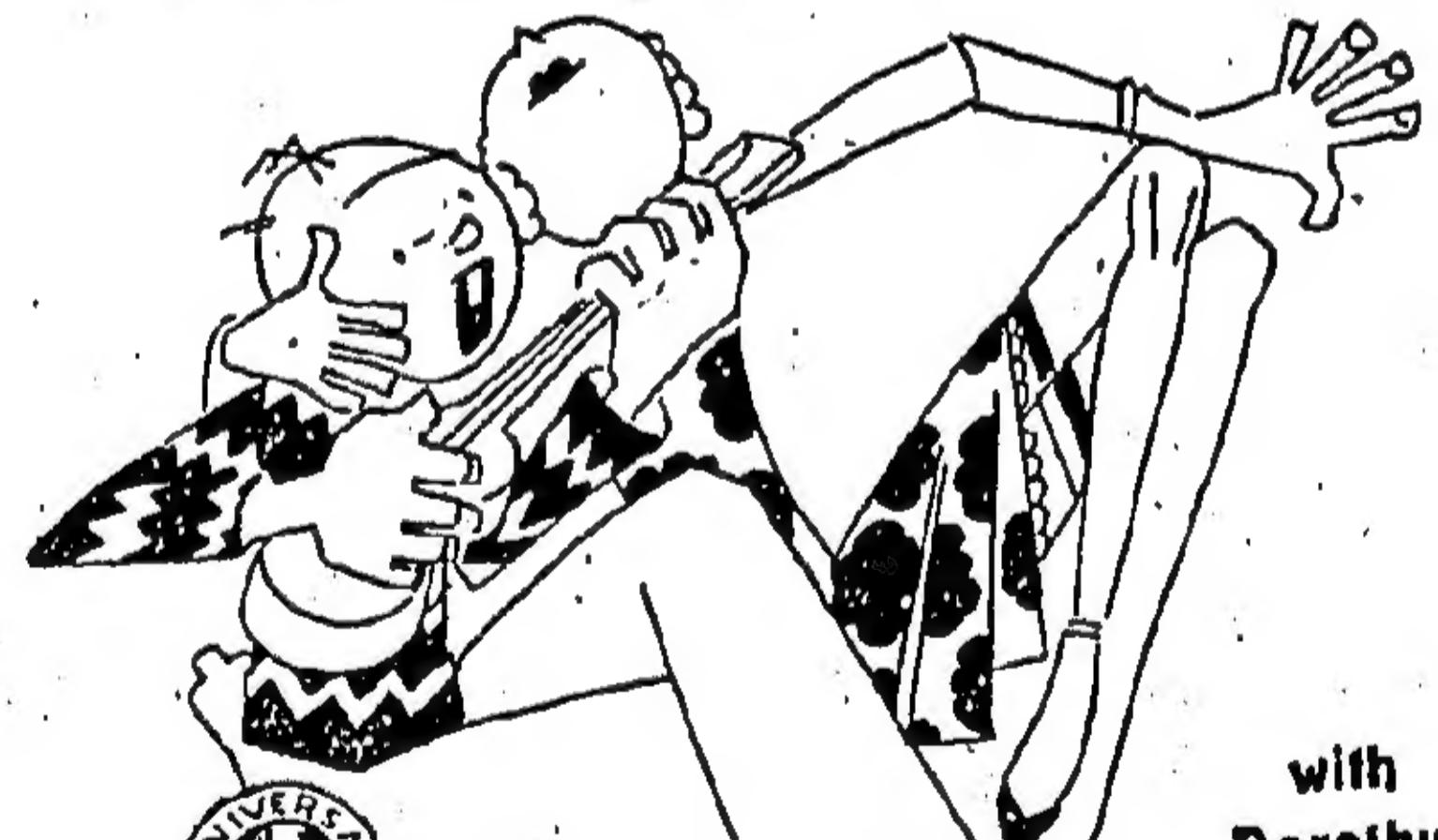
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INQUIRY INTO RECENT CHINESE TOUR.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Shanghai Football Association approval was given to an application from the Police Recreation Club to send a senior team to Hongkong, to play against the Hongkong Police, early in the New Year, subject to strict observance of the Rules governing such tour, and to the understanding that in no circumstances would the tour be permitted to interfere with the junior engagements of the Police Recreation Club football team.

Special Commission.

The China National Amateur Athletic Federation not seeing clear to nominate two members to the Special Commission appointed by the Shanghai Football Association to investigate and report on the status of certain individuals concerned with a recent soccer tour, the Association has appointed its own Commission of four members. The commission will commence its labours as soon as the necessary number of acceptances to serve on it have been received. Further information on the matter will be made public in due course.

The Green Howards were awarded two points and one goal in respect of the First Division match for which Loh Hwa defected on December 13; Loh Hwa to be reprimanded and fined. It has been decided not to send a team to Tientsin this Christmas.

FANLING CEREMONY.

PORTRAIT OF DR. PIERCE-GROVE TO BE UNVEILED.

A ceremony of interest to all who enjoyed the acquaintance of the late Dr. E. Pierce-Grove, to take place at the Hunters' Arms, Fanling, on Friday, Dec. 26, at noon, when his portrait will be unveiled by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paton.

It will be a fitting tribute to one who did so much for Kwanti as did Dr. Pierce-Grove. He was the originator of the idea which eventually developed into the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, and worked assiduously for the lay-out of the Kwanti course, besides being the "father" of the Hunt and original importer of hounds, and its first Master.

The Fanling Hunt and Race Club will be "at home" to members and friends for the occasion, from 11 a.m. to noon.

The portrait, which is a striking likeness, is the work of the well-known local artist, Mr. Kobza.

FRIENDLY CRICKET.

CHRISTMAS DAY MATCH AT INDIAN CLUB.

There will be an inter-club match on the Indian Recreation Club ground on Christmas Day at 1.45 p.m. when members over 25 years of age will take on a team composed of members under 25. The sides will be:

Over 25.—J. S. Abdul-Curreem, J. S. Achher, A. S. Arif, G. F. Doodha, B. R. Franco, O. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, A. H. Madan, D. Mohammed, A. A. Rumjahn and A. H. Rumjahn. Under 25.—A. R. Abbas, M. R. Abbas, F. M. el Arculli, H. T. M. Barma, A. R. H. Esmail, S. Ismail, M. P. Madar, R. Minu, F. D. Perelra, A. M. Rumjahn and A. R. Sufiand.

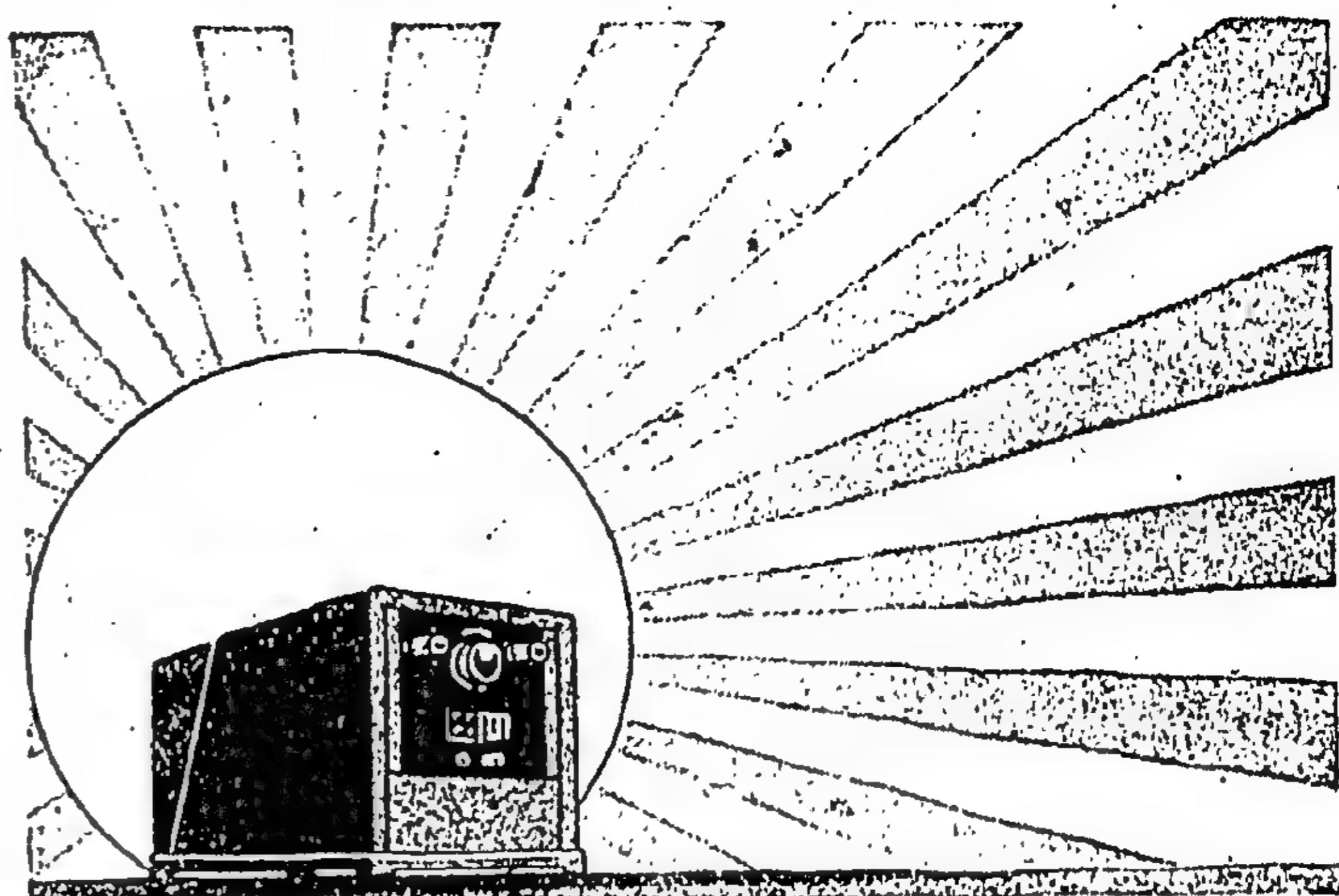
There will be a scratch game by the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club at Soo-kun-poo on Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.

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FOREIGN RESIDENTS.**CHINA PREPARES MEASURES FOR JURISDICTION.**

Nanking, Dec. 16. It is reported that a definite programme providing for the assumption by Chinese courts of jurisdiction over foreign nationals resident in China has been jointly drawn up by the Executive Yuan and the Judicial Yuan and will be submitted to the National Government for approval and promulgation. It is generally understood that the programme, which is intended as an interim measure before the complete abolition of foreign extraterritorial privileges, will be put into effect after notification to the Powers concerned, if diplomatic negotiations are not concluded within a reasonable time.

The programme, it is understood, provides for the following measures:

1.—Special courts will be set up in the five principal ports of the country; namely, Nanking, Shanghai, Hankow, Canton and Tientsin.
2.—Foreign legal experts, who are conversant with the customs prevailing in various foreign countries, will be engaged by China as advisers to these courts.
3.—Such foreign advisers may submit views and recommendations to the judges, but may not interfere with the trial. Where necessary, however, such advisers may, by special permission of the president of the court, conduct trials, the right of final decision being, however, reserved for the judges.

4.—In cases where both of the parties to the suit are foreigners, relevant foreign law may be applied.

Will Apply Chinese Codes.

The new Criminal Code will be applied in all criminal cases whether the accused is a Chinese or a foreigner.

The new Chinese Civil Code will be applied in all civil cases relating to obligations, negotiable instruments and immovable property.

In those civil cases in which the questions at issue relate to marriage or inheritance, relevant foreign law may be applied.

5.—The customary practice regarding the issue of writs and warrants will be retained. The system of admitting defendants to bail will be extended.

Detailed measures relating to the administration of prisons for the detention of foreigners are also contained in the programme.

COMMAND OF THE BERENGARIA.**APPOINTMENT OF CAPTAIN BRITTEN OF FRANCONIA.**

London, Dec. 23. Captain Britten, the commander of the Canadian liner Franconia, has been appointed to the command of the Berengaria in succession to Commodore Sir Arthur Rostrom.

Capt. Britten has commanded in the past the Aquitania, Mauretania and Samarria.

In 1928 he was appointed to the Franconia, in which he made two world cruises.—*British Wireless*.

[Captain Britten will be remembered in Hongkong, which the Franconia included in her world tours.]

COMMODITY PRICES.**MR. COOLIDGE ATTACKS THE GOVERNMENT POLICY.**

New York, Dec. 23. Ex-President Coolidge in a statement to the press condemns the Treasury's interference with the price of commodities, as likely to worsen matters. He is of opinion it would be better to let losers bear their losses rather than try to make somebody else shoulder them.

The attack is believed to be directed against Mr. Hoover's endeavour to maintain wheat prices.—*Reuters' American Service*.

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U.S. ANTI-TRUST LAW.
FILM COMPANIES CONVICTED
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Washington, Nov. 24.

Ten leading American film distributors have been declared by the Supreme Court guilty of violating the Federal Anti-Trust Law by having uniform standard contracts regarding the release of films to exhibitors and the credit

systems enforced in the leasing of films.

The Court was unanimous in its judgment, and decided that the companies, which normally should be competitors, had entered into agreements binding themselves to act jointly in dealing with people who must do business with them.

The companies involved included the Paramount Famous Lasky Corporation, the First National Pictures Incorporated, and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Distribution Corporation.—Reuter.

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CHAPTER LII

Celia caught Lisi's arm and drew her back. "Wait for me, you two," she said to Lisi and Jordan. "There's someone I want to see. I'll only be a moment." Then she hurried to where Shields stood.

He had turned away and did not see her approach. Celia touched his sleeve.

"Barney!" she said. "I'm so glad to find you here. I don't think you understood this morning!"

Shields met her eyes directly. "How do you do, Miss Mitchell?" His tone was coolly polite.

"Oh, I know there's something wrong! What is it? Barney, I want to talk to you—"

He stopped her. "You are mistaken," he said. "I do understand everything. Under the circumstances surely there is nothing more for either of us to say."

Celia looked at him. A nervous laugh caught in her throat. "Please don't try to tease now," she said. "You—why I almost thought you meant it! You frightened me!"

"I beg your pardon," the young man answered, still formally. "I had no intention of appearing humorous but I suppose I am from your viewpoint."

"Why, Barney—!"

Suddenly Barney Shields lost his pose of rigid dignity. "Look here, Celia," he said, "haven't you better be going back to your society playmates? You know you don't really mean a word you're saying. I fell for it once yes. But that doesn't mean I'll do it over again! What's the idea of pretending anyhow?"

Disbelief, then terror crossed the girl's face. "What do you mean?" she cried. "Has someone been telling you things that aren't true?"

"No one's been telling me anything I shouldn't have seen for myself."

Celia caught his arm. "But it's all wrong!" she insisted.

Shields stepped back. "Rather too public a place to become emotional, isn't it?" he said quietly. "Besides, I'm sure we understand each other. May I bid you good afternoon?"

"Just a minute." Now it was the girl whose words were slow, tense with restrained anger. Celia's face had gone white. "I believe I begin to see what you mean. You're trying to tell me that—everything's over! Is that it?"

"Well, if you insist on plain terms—"

"Don't bother about trying to spare my feelings. Oh, I see I have made a mistake. A great one. And it's better that we shouldn't meet each other again. Very much better!"

Celia paused for a moment but Shields did not speak.

"My friends are waiting," she said. "They'll be wondering why I'm so slow. Goodbye, Barney."

Neither seeing nor hearing anything around her, Celia walked away. She held her head high, though her lips trembled she was determined not to give way to tears. A terrific sensation that everything in the world had stopped overwhelmed her. The blurred objects ahead meant nothing. The only thing was to get away.

Celia reached the entrance of the hotel. She did not see Lisi Duncan or Jordan until she heard Lisi's voice.

"Darling, we've waited an age. What were you doing—writing your memoirs?"

Jordan laughed but stopped short as he caught the expression on Celia's face.

"Is anything wrong?" he asked.

"Don't you feel well?" Her answer was forced. "Nothing's wrong. I'm feeling perfectly all right."

"You're sure?"

"Why, of course. Hadn't we better be starting?"

Lisi put her hand on her friend's arm. "Say—you are pale around the gills! Let's get out in the fresh air. Maybe that'll help."

They stepped out on the street. At the doorman's signal a cab drew near and halted. Jordan helped the two girls in and followed.

"You can leave me at Celia's," Lisi said. "I've got my car there. If you're going anywhere, Tod, I'll give you a lift."

"Thanks, but I'd rather not bother you."

"No bother! And you may have some entertainment. I had an interesting session with a traffic cop this morning. I hope he's off duty by this time."

Jordan's eyes were on Celia. "I think you're all in, honey," he said to her. "Here—lean against my arm. Isn't that better?"

Celia murmured something about a sudden headache. It was more comfortable against Jordan's arm. Over and over she told herself that she must not think. There would be time for that later. She must fight off all thought of what had happened until the others had gone.

Lisi too was sympathetic. They rode in silence until they reached the apartment. As the cab drew away Jordan said in a low tone to Celia: "You've been very unkind lately."

"I'm sorry. I didn't mean to be."

"But you haven't let me see you or answered any of my calls. Does that mean you're angry?"

"Why—not. Of course not."

"Then can I come for you tomorrow afternoon? We'll drive somewhere. Anywhere you say. It's beginning to look like fall up in Westchester."

"Tod, I think I'd better go in. I really am tired."

"I know. But first say it will be all right about tomorrow!" He was holding one of her hands. "Please, Celia!"

She knew that she must get away. Already her eyes were misted. Without trusting herself to speak, Celia nodded affirmatively. "You're a darling! I'll be here at three."

Lisi had been waiting at a distance. Now she came forward.

"My car's down there at the left," she told Tod. "We'd better trundle along and let Celia make for the aspirin. I'm frightenedly wary the afternoon went bad on you, pet."

Celia said goodbye, even managing a smile that was pathetic instead of cheerful. Then she turned and entered the building.

There was no one in sight when she let herself into Evelyn's apartment. Celia went directly to her own room and closed the door behind her. She threw off her hat and sank into a chair.

There was no light in the room except a reflected glow of electricity from across the court. Celia stared straight ahead. Now that she was alone she was dry-eyed. No balms of tears offered succor to this agony. Barney was through with her.

She was staring at the wall but she could see Barney Shields' eyes as he said the words: "Well, if you insist on plain terms—!"

He meant it. Oh, Celia knew that Barney meant every word of it! She wondered why she could not cry out. Why she could not do something! The dark walls closed in about her like so many hideous gaping faces. She stood up, head thrown back and hands clenched together.

"Oh!" Celia cried desperately. "Dear God, don't let it be—!"

She threw herself into the chair again, sobbing out her misery.

After a time she rose, turned on the light and mechanically began to dress for dinner. She discarded her frock and drew out another without noticing either of them. She changed her Oxford for evening pumps and dusted her face and neck with powder. Celia moved with nervous energy. The stabbing pain in her breast did not lessen. Her entire body ached.

There was a knock on the door and Celia recognized the maid's voice: "Dinner, Miss Celia."

"I'll be there immediately."

She glanced at her watch and saw it was 10 minutes past the dinner hour. Celia straightened her shoulders and went to the living room. Mrs. Parsons stood with her back toward the room, gazing out the window. She turned as the girl entered.

Celia—I was beginning to wonder if you'd made other plans for dinner!"

"Sorry to be late. I didn't realize how the time was going."

They went in and sat down to dinner.

"Did you like the play?" Evelyn asked.

Celia looked bland. Then she remembered that she had been to the theatre. "Oh, yes. Yes, I liked it very much."

"Sorry you weren't here for ten. Your father dropped in and asked for you."

The lethargy left Celia's face. "Oh, did he have any news about my mother? Do you know if he's heard anything?"

Evelyn Parsons' blue eyes chilled slightly. "Why, no. He didn't say anything about your mother. Were you expecting he would?"

Celia nodded. "I guess I didn't tell you before," she said. "He promised to find her. Father said he'd do everything in the world to bring her back and you know there isn't anything he can't do. I suppose it may take a few days though. It's too soon to expect he's had any news yet."

There was a pause and then Mrs. Parsons said: "That's—interesting."

"You see we're afraid she isn't well and that something may have happened to her!" the girl went on earnestly. "It's terrible not even to know where she is!"

"Yes. Of course."

There was no more said about the subject. Evelyn asked questions about the performance and Celia answered as best she could.

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counties, he can see his way to allow the vessel to be manned from Devonport?

Mr. Alexander: I would refer the hon. Member to my reply on April 16. As regards the latter part of the question, the hon. Member appears to assume that the present crew of the Cornwall will remain in her after she is recommissioned and manned from Portsmouth, but this is not the case.

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A bullet from the guns of the kidnappers also wounded a watchman slightly.

According to a reconstruction of the crime by the police, the chauffeur drew a pistol to defend his master, but was immediately riddled with bullets, some of which passed through his body, wounding the others in the car.

No clue can be discovered as to the identity of the gangsters.—Our Own Correspondent.

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THE MARTYRDOM OF A CHINESE PRIEST.

Shanghai, Dec. 23.

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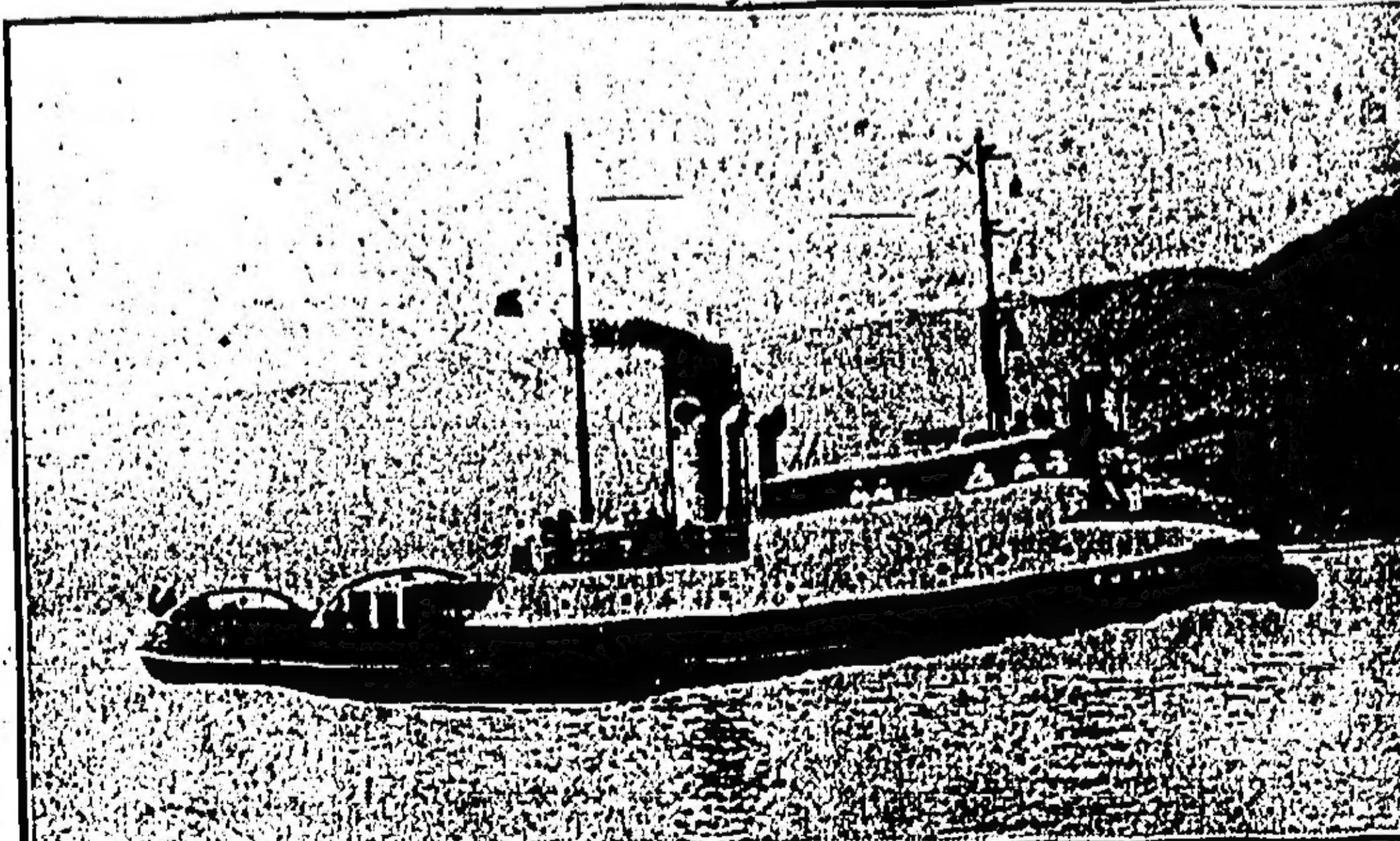
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CLAIM MADE TO EARLDOM.

STRANGE STORY TOLD IN AMERICAN COURT.

BIGAMY SEQUEL.

Phoenix, Arizona, Dec. 18. Pleading that a prison sentence imposed upon him following his conviction on charges of bigamy be set aside, Dr. Allan Alexander Stirling to-day appeared before the Arizona supreme court. He asked that the sentence be set aside so that he may claim an earldom which he has inherited. Dr. Stirling read his claims to having inherited the earldom before the court.

According to Dr. Stirling the 16th Earl of the estate he is claiming died in England in 1928. He said that the Earl's last will required that his heirs marry within a year or be disinherited.

So Dr. Stirling promptly proceeded to marry Miss Elsa Worch of Sunburst, Montana. Later they separated and he married Miss Virginia Hovater, a resident of Arizona. Dr. Stirling now claims that his first wife had been previously married and had not bothered to obtain a divorce when she wed him. Hence, he claimed, his Montana marriage was automatically voided and he is not a bigamist.

Some Confusing Claims.

Dr. Stirling is a former officer on the staff of General Pancho Villa, the famed Mexican revolutionary leader. In court to-day he found himself in some difficulty in giving testimony as to his claim to the English earldom. He said that the 16th Earl of the line he claims was Vicount Canada. Then, under examination, he admitted that the earldom he claims was abolished in 759 A.D. But, said the witness, it was restored 50 years later.

Under subsequent examination Dr. Stirling testified that his grandfather and not his father was an Earl. He claimed that the entire estate had been bequeathed to him.

Dr. Stirling's father, he claimed, came to the United States during America's civil war. Later, he said, he went to New Zealand as a physician. "I was born aboard ship en route to New Zealand," Dr. Stirling told the court to-day. "I also am a physician."

As the evidence progressed the court and newspaper reporters began to become almost as confused as the witness. They hope some time, to learn just what English estate Dr. Stirling is claiming.

SUGAR MARKETS.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cabled quotations at the close of the sugar markets yesterday have been received by Messrs. Pentreath and Co.:—

London Terminals.

March 1931 6½ up ½d.
May 1931 6½ up ½d.
August 1931 6½ no change.
December 1931 6½ no change.

New York Terminals.

March 1931 1.25 up 1 pt.
May 1931 1.33 up 1 pt.
July 1931 1.40 up 1 pt.
September 1931 1.49 up 5 pts.
December 1930 1.22 up 4 pts.
Java Market.—No change to report.

Hongkong Market.—Unchanged, steady.

R.A.F. PILOT KILLED.

WOMAN EYE-WITNESS'S STORY OF CRASH.

London, Dec. 1. An R.A.F. aeroplane piloted by Flight Lieutenant Douglas Wells Gibbon, crashed in a field at Pinner Park Farm, Pinner, Middlesex, yesterday. The pilot, who was the only occupant, was killed, and the aeroplane was wrecked.

Mrs. Nowell-Ustrick, of Moss Lane, Pinner, who was walking in the field at the time, stated that the plane was flying low and circling as though the pilot was searching for a landing place. The engine was misfiring badly. The plane then ran into a thick belt of fog and was lost to view for a few seconds.

Shortly after it came in sight again, it swerved and turned upside down. It continued for some yards in that position and then nose-dived to the ground, bounced several times, and came to rest with its nose buried in a waterlogged part of the field.

This accident brings the number of killed in R.A.F. crashes this year to 68.

SINGAPORE AERIAL FATALITY.

CRASH DUE TO ERROR OF JUDGMENT.

INQUEST VERDICT.

Singapore Dec. 17. The inquest on Mr. I. F. Willes Johnson, the member of the Singapore Flying Club who was killed on Dec. 11, when the machine he was flying crashed in the harbour, concluded yesterday.

The jury found that death was caused by asphyxia from drowning, due to a spin which Mr. Willes Johnson was flying, getting into a spin through an error of judgment on the part of the pilot, and that the pilot was unable to extricate the machine from the spin in time to avoid the crash.

The jury also found that the machine was airworthy at the time of the accident and that no blame attached to any member of the staff of the Flying Club.

Flight-Lieut. Potter, describing the history of the flight, said that on Dec. 9, Mr. Willes Johnson had failed in his altitude test through landing short of the mark. He was very keen to try again and had said he was sure he would succeed next time.

Before sending him up witness went up with him, giving him special instructions on how to land, and showing him the mark. Mr. Willes Johnson then took over, and made a perfect landing. After that he started solo.

Practical instruction on how to get out of a spin was not given at the club; members were only told what to do in such an eventuality. Practical instruction used to be given, but it was discontinued as the certificate of airworthiness did not cover that.

The instruction at the club was designed so as to prevent pupils getting into spins or other unauthorized movements.

£800,000 CLAIM.

RUSSIAN ORDERS FOR PRODUCTS OF VICKERS.

Mr. Justice Wright, in the King's Bench Division gave judgment in an action which Continental Contractors, Limited, of Central House, Finsbury-square, E.C., brought against Vickers-Armstrong, Limited, of Vickers House, Broadway, Westminster, claiming commission and damages for alleged breach of agreement in connection with the supply to Russia of armaments and other Vickers products.

It was stated that the three directors of the plaintiff company were big industrialists in Russia before the revolution. Their case was that in October, 1925, they contracted with Vickers, Limited, to obtain orders for the sale to Russia of certain Vickers products, and that, subsequently, the agreement was varied to include armament products and to extend to Vickers' subsidiary companies. They also said that on the formation of Vickers-Armstrong they agreed to act for that company under the same terms as they were working for Vickers, Limited.

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The defendants denied that the agreement was extended to include armaments or varied as alleged by the plaintiffs.

Mr. Justice Wright said that he could not go outside the clear and precise language of the written agreements of October, 1925, and May, 1928, and plaintiffs' claim on that issue therefore failed.

The defendants had admitted that their termination of the last agreement constituted a breach, and the question of damages in that respect would be referred to a referee.

NEW MOTOR-LINER.

SWIMMING BATH AND TENNIS IN 14,000 TON SHIP.

Dover, Nov. 29. The modern movement towards ever-increasing speed and more luxurious equipment in different modes of transport is nowhere more apparent than in the vessels of the great steamship companies catering principally for passenger traffic.

The Royal Netherlands Steamship Company, keeping abreast of

this movement, has built a new motor-ship, the Colombia, for the West Indies-Spanish service,

which has just arrived at Dover

on the first stage of the vessel's maiden voyage.

A remarkable feature of this

is the adaptation of a comparatively

small ship to the inclusion of such

equipment as a swimming bath,

sports decks, tennis courts, passenger and goods lifts, and children's play-rooms and play-decks.

The Colombia has a displacement of nearly 14,000 tons, a length of 457 feet, and carries 180 first-class 70 second-class, and 60 third-class passengers.

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CANTON AVIATION SERVICES.

NEW LINES TO OPEN FROM NEW YEAR'S DAY.

SPLendid PROGRESS.

Canton, Dec. 23.

In view of the great success registered by the first regular air services in South China, that linking up Canton and Wuchow, which has been in operation since the 1st Inst., it has been decided to establish other lines immediately.

The first of the new airways to be put in operation will be one linking up Swatow and Canton, a distance of 223 miles, which will be inaugurated on the 1st January next. This will be followed almost immediately by the establishment of an air line linking up Canton with Hoilow (Hainan Island) and Pakhol, a distance of 300 miles.

The fares are calculated on a basis of twenty cents per mile and work out at \$22.40 to Wuchow, \$41.60 to Swatow and \$60 to Hoilow.

When the air lines are well established, it is proposed to make calls at intermediate places such as Sam-shui and Shihuang on the Wuchow line, and Kung-moon and Kwang-chow Wan on the Hoilow line.

All the air lines will carry mail from the 1st January at the rate of fifteen cents per twenty grammes over the usual rates.

Parcels will also be carried under certain conditions as to weight and size at sixty cents per kilo to Wuchow, \$1.15 per kilo to Swatow and \$1.50 per kilo to Hoilow.

All the lines will operate one service each way daily, the following being the proposed timetable:

Leave Canton 10 a.m., arrive

Wuchow 11.30 a.m.

Leave Wuchow 2 p.m., arrive

Canton 3.30 p.m.

Leave Canton 8 a.m., arrive

Swatow 11 a.m.

Leave Swatow 1 p.m., arrive

Canton 4 p.m.

Leave Canton 7 a.m., arrive

Hoilow 11 a.m.

Leave Hoilow 12.30 p.m., arrive

Canton 4.30 p.m.

The proposed time-table is extremely convenient for passengers and mails, and the journeys from Canton to Hoilow, taking at present over three days, will be reduced to four hours.—Our Own Correspondent.

MOTOR CYCLING.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT'S EFFECT ON CLUB TRIALS.

London, Dec. 1.

On Saturday evening some 350 members and guests of the Motor-Cycling Club held their 24th annual dinner at the Connaught Rooms under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Van Hooydonk, one of the original eight motorists who founded the club in 1901.

Although not referred to publicly in Mr. B. Mariani's speech touting the continuous success of this popular car and motor-cycle club with its 1,200 members, many of those present wondered amongst themselves how this and other similar sporting organisations would fare under Section 13 of Part 1 of the new Road Traffic Act which now comes into operation.

This section states that any person promoting or taking part in a race or trial of speed between motor vehicles on a public highway shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding £50, or to both fine and imprisonment; also, unless the Court thinks fit to order otherwise, be disqualified for a period of 12 months after conviction from holding or obtaining a driving licence.

The M.C.C. competitions are reliability trials and in no way speed trials, yet they do include acceleration tests and hill-climbing, besides asking the competitors to keep a regular schedule in rate of travel from point to point. The annual London to Exeter run and back on December 28 and 29, in which some 400 competitors are expected to take part. This will be the first competition to be held subject to the new Road Traffic Act and its regulations. It thus becomes a most important event as a precedent for the future well-being of motor clubs generally if allowed to take place without interference.

The following names of those who sent wreaths were inadvertently omitted from our report of the funeral of the late Mr. A. J. J. Brock—Florrie and George and family; Mabel and Will; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown, Mr. A. E. Stone.

Phyllis Komstam, who made her first film hit in "Murder," has been chosen to take the place of Ursula Jeans as Chloe in "The Skin Game."

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